#### Syria welcomes Jordan's decision

DAMASCUS (Petra) - The central leadership of the National Progressive Front of Syria Monday welcomed Jordan's decision to sever legal and administrative links with the Israeli-occupied West Bank and said the Jordanian move had thwarted Israeli plans for an alternative Palestinian homeland as part of Zionist efforts to liquidate the Palestinian cause. A statement issued after a meeting of the central leadership chaired by Syrian President Halez Al Assad said the Jordanian decision, "which came in compliance with Arab summit resolutions, has realismed the role of the Palestine Liberation Organisation as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people." The statement called on Arab states to shoulder their responsibilities collectively and individually in the event that the Palestinians in the occupied territories face problems and additional burdens as a result of the Jordanian decision and to find appropriate solutions to the problems.

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#### AROUND THE WORLD ...

# honour has unisian foreign minister visits Chad

TUNIS (R) — Tunisian Foreign Minister Abdul Hamid Al Sheikh made a surprise visit to Chad over the weekend, increasing peculation that Tunisia was mediating in Chad's border dispute with ibya. Government sources said Sheikh reported on his mission to resident Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali Monday, but gave no other letails. Sheikh's visit to N'djamena came only five days after Ibn Ali
BEACH, aturned from talks in Tripoli with Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi.

## cat napple Stroessner starts new five-year term

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UWILS a Wal ANKARA (R) — U.S. air force commander General Larry Welch here. 8 m purrised in Ankara Monday and held talks with Defence Minister at a pilot plan Ercan Vuralhan and other officers, Turkish officials said Monday. When it in The talks covered cooperation between the air forces of the two hung on WATO countries, they said. Welch will tour an F-16 aircraft the plant mear Ankara, a joint venture between Turkey's nd a special Tusas Acrospace Industries and the U.S. General Dynamics, set up 5 per-hou in 1984.

## Rescued Iranians head for home

NOCKANBAHRAIN (AP) — Five Iranian fishermen, rescued by the U.S. havy eight days ago from their drifting dinghy in the Gulf of Oman, were finally headed home Monday. U.S. military sources said the five were to be turned over to Omani authorities at Goat Island in the H. PenninStrait of Hormuz, and then transferred to Iranian diplomatic officials' New York control. The five were picked up Aug. 8 by the U.S. missle cruiser he was assorbingennes, and said they had spent eight days adrift after their Wallet medishing boat sank.

#### वार्वेश आतं शह ned to her 18. Africa to build electrified fence

If never have OHANNESBURG (AP) — The army plans to erect a 24-kilometre York Civil 15-mile) electrified fence along a section of the Botswana border Lise Chiese of complaints about infiltration by guerrillas. Milit-Company any headquarters, in a statement reported Monday, said the fence lich wrand would be built near the Pontdrif border station in far northern n parti and ransvaal province. Pontdrif is near where the borders of South and Zimbabwe intersect. There have been several where name encounters in the area between South African security forces le well a more suspected fighters of the African National Congress.

### and and state aide cautious over hostages

ONDON (AP) — A senior aide to Archbishop of Canterbury 100 1001 the Cobert Runcie said Monday he was cautious about a quick release of useh to har ritish hostages in Lebanon following talks with an Iranian diplomat. ohn Lyttle, Runcie's senior assistant, said the Iranians have secured ie release of other foreign hostages in Lebanon - but whether they hoose to pressure for the release of the British captives remains to e seen. "Things may have changed in the Lebanon as a result of the

nding, or the ceasefire, in the Gulf war. We don't know, but we do LIS Markelieve they have very considerable influence and they say so ar-old John Evenselves," he said. Both Runcie and Lyttle held talks in London Singled with Mohammad Reza Said Mohammadi, an Iranian foreign ministry He skelled ficial from Tehran. The talks ended Sunday (see page 5).

### \* In historia, Sudan say relations improved

COMPLINE DDIS ABABA (R) — Ethiopia and Sudan said Monday that talks entities Pretween high-ranking security officials of their countries in Addis discrimed libaba last week had led to an improvement in their strained deep alations. The two nations issued a joint communique expressing it is in its in the four days of talks between Ethiopian Vice-Walt Finister for Internal Affairs Mogus Habte-Mariam and Sudan's favourite "illitary intelligence chief, General Salah Mustafa. Their talks had Tall' id to "marked improvements," in bilateral relations, it added, on a station giving details of what had been discussed.

### oint panel meets to discuss Angola truce

Mardin 1 DHANNESBURG (AP) — A joint military committee represented South Africa, Cuba and Angola met for the first time Monday to the living iscuss monitoring the ceasefire declared last week in the Angolan in the was no immediate public announcement on the talks, seither the eld at an undisclosed site on the border between Angola and edi pin lamibia.

#### 'Israeli F-15s collide

VASHINGTON: (AP) - Two Israeli F-15 jet fighters collided and rashed in a training exercise Monday, the first known midair mishap Pi Lik ith the high-flying American-built Eagle suffered by the Israeli air informed sources said. Apparently, there was at least one and the stality, but no details were available. Nor was there any immediate The bottom comment in Israel where strict censorship delays dissemination events considered to be matters of "national security." Israel has ish bout 50 of the planes, manufactured by the McDonnell Douglas

## arljani, Genscher meet in Bonn

ONN (R) — Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad din arijani met West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Gensther in Frankfurt Monday, the West German Foreign Ministry said. spokesman said Larijani and his delegation informed Genscher bout Iran's position in advance of the ceasefire in its war with Iraq. he to take effect Saturday. He said Genscher raised the case of West reman hostage Rudolf Cordes, kidnapped in Lebanon 19 months go by pro-Iranian guerrillas. Iran said it would try to secure his elease; according to the spokesman.

## Maldives parliament reelects president

MALE (R) — The Maldives parliament Monday nominated Mauanoon Abdul Gayoom for a third successive term as president. ifficials said. They said all 46 members of parliament endorsed ayoom, president of the Indian Ocean island chain since 1978. His residency must be approved by a national referendum scheduled for

#### U.S. hails Lebanon elections

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States Monday hailed Lebanon's amouncement that its parliament would select a new president por later this week, and promised to help the next president carry out political reforms. "We congratulate the Lebanese parliament and the Lebanese people on achieving this important step, one that is consistent with the Lebanese constitution," said spokesman Charles Redman (see related story on page 8).

#### 2 more Arabs fall martyr

# Gaza boils with protests despite siege

OCCUPIED GAZA (Agencies) — Palestinians defied a round-the-clock curfew in the Gaza Strip Monday, throwing stones and burning scores of tyres in the streets, and Israeli soldiers shot dead a protester in the occupied West Bank.

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Monday his order confining 650,000 Palestinians to their camps until further notice was a "clear message" that Israel was cracking down on the eight-month-old Palestinian up-

The Gaza curfew was imposed Sunday night, following violent protests in which at least 21 Gazans were wounded by Israeli gunfire.

Reports said protests began after Islamic fundamentalists in Gaza called for clashes with troops, to protest against the death of two Gazans killed in an arson attack near Tel Aviv last week. Palestinians blame Israelis Israeli cars. for the attack, although police have made no arrests.

The demonstrations were also sparked by the killing of a Palestinian in the Mughazi refugee camp Thursday night and the death Sunday of a Shati refugee camp resident, whom Palestinians said was beaten by troops.

Eyewitnesses quoted by Reuters said people filled the main roads of Gaza City with burning tyres and soldiers carried out mass identity checks in the refugee camps.

At an entrance to Gaza, an Israeli officer showed reporters cardboard impregnated with pieces of nails, which he said was put in the main streets by protesters to puncture the tyres of

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### Rapid moves continue towards Gulf ceasefire

BAGHDAD (Agencies) - Advance parties of Canadian military observers and signals experts arrived in Baghdad Monday as the United Nations assembled teams to monitor a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war.

Diplomats and U.N. officers said the Iraqi government had cooperated fully with efforts to get the U.N. Iran-Irag military Observer Group (UNIIMOG) in place for the formal end to the eight-year war Saturday.

"Only one day after the ceasefire announcement (on Aug. 8), the Iraqis had produced several white-painted vehicles for U.N. use," one diplomat said. "They

are really moving fast." Thirteen Canadian military observers flew into the Iraqi capital overnight and a U.N. officer told Reuters: "The first complete military observer con-

tingent came today.' On the same flight were two men from Canada's 88th Signals Unit, the first of 485 Canadians who will set up a communications petwork

A Canadian diplomat said the signals unit would send a second advance party Tuesday, with the main body due on Thursday. A group of 12 signallers earlier reported to have arrived was delayed by a hitch in transport arrangements, he said.

Military observers from Senegal were due to arrive in Baghdad late Monday and 11 Norwegian

observers were expected

A Swiss plane which will fly observers between their headquarters in Baghdad and Tehran left Zurich to take the Yugoslav head of the observer team to the

Syria said Monday it supported Tehran's acceptance of a Gulf war ceasefire and aimed to strengthen bilateral relations. State radio said in a commen-

tary that Syria and Iran agreed to enhance ties during a visit to Damascus by Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati which ended Sunday. "Velayati's visit to Damascus

was a good opportunity to discuss views on Iran's acceptance of the U.N. Security Council decision to end the Gulf war... Syria welcomes and supports all sincere efforts made to reach peace," the radio added.

"Syria, which looked on its relations with Iran from the strategic national Arab viewpoint, was always careful to maintain the best relations with the Iranian revolution," it added.

Velayati arrived in Damascus Saturday and held talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and Foreign Minister Faroug Al

Muammar Qadhafi Monday told Velayati that he appreciated the acceptance by Iran and Iraq of a ceasefire.

#### King hails Iraq's Arab defence victory would reflect positively ernment and people of Jordan

BAGHDAD (Agencies) - His Majesty King Hussein and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein opened formal talks here Monday shortly after the King's

arrival on a working visit. The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the King congratulated the Iraqi leader over lraq's victory in the eight-yearold war with Iran and that both sides affirmed that the Iraqi

on the present and future of the Arab Nation. The King said that the Iraqi victory "enhances the stability of the Arab Nation and its abilities to confront challenges in legitimate defence of its existence, security and

President Hussein paid tribute to the national pan-Arab stand adopted by the King, govand their support for their Iraqi brothers.

The talks were attended on the Jordanian side by Their Royal Highnesses Prince Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein, Prince Faisat Ibn Al Hussein, Prince Tatal Ibn Mohammad and Prince Ghazi Ibn Mohammad, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem

and Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh. On the Iraqi side, the talks were attended by Deputy Prime Minister and member of the Revolutionary Command Council Taha Yassin Ramadan, Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz, Information Minister Latif Nassif Jassem, Defence Minister Adnan Khairallah, Industry Minister Hussein Kamel and senior aides to the president.

His Majesty King Hussein Monday confers with Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmad Taleb Ibrahimi in a meeting attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan (Petra photo)

### Algeria, Jordan consult on regional developments

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Monday received a message from Algerian President Chadli Benjedid on current Arab and international affairs.

The message was conveyed to the King at Al Nadwa Palace by Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmad Taleb Al Ibrahimi who, arrived here Sunday evening, the Jordan News Agency. Petra, said. The message also contained the President Benjedid.

Algerian president's appreciation of King Hussein's active contribution to the successful Algiers Arab summit, Petra said. Ibrahimi, who left Amman la-

ter Monday, told Petra in a departure statement that the message he delivered to the King dealt with regional developments and was part of constant consultations between His Majesty and

## PLO delegation arrives in Cairo

CAIRO (Agencies) — A Pales- cil (PNC) would meet in Algiers tine Liberation Organisation (PLO) team arrived in Cairo Monday after talks in Amman over Jordan's rupture of ties with

the Israeli-occupied West Bank. "We feel great relief at the outcome of the talks... they have helped to quell major fears raised by Palestinians in Jordan and the West Bank," an official of the team told Reuters before leaving Amman for Cairo.

On arrival in the Egyptian capital, PLO Executive Committee member Abdullah Hourani told reporters the team would consult "Egyptian brothers" ab-

out the Jordanian move. They were scheduled to meet Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid late Monday.

The PLO team's talks in Amman were described by the two sides as brotherly, frank and constructive. The delegation, led by Mah-

moud Abbas, member of the PLO In Tripoli, Libyan leader | Executive Committee, was also received by His Majesty King

In Baghdad, a PLO spokesman said the Palestine National Counin the last week of August to set (Continued on page 5)

### Nimer:Jordan-PLO meetings produced positive outcome

By Rabab Mango Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Three days of talks between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) that concluded here Sunday were characterised with frankness and clarity on both sides and the PLO delegation was convinced of the sincerity, justifications and motivations behind Jordan's decision to sever legal and administrative ties with the occupied West Bank, a senior Foreign Ministry official said Monday.

Foreign Ministry Secretary General Nabih Nimer said Jordan explained its views about its decision and answered all questions put to it by the PLO side. "The Palestinian delegation

members went away convinced of Jordan's sincerity and its views, sincere justifications and motives behind the decision," Nimer told the Jordan Times and Al Ra'i. He said the Palestinian side "now realises that the decision was not meant as a punishment and that the break of legal and administrative ties were intended as a means to enable the PLO to play its role unchallenged."

Nimer said there never was a "Jordanian option" to the Palestinian problem. "There was and is only one option — the Palestinian option — and the so-called

Jordanian option had never been," he said.

Nimer said the rupture of ties with the West Bank would not have any bearing on any procedure concerning the bridges across the River Jordan, the flow of West Bank and Gaza produce into Jordan. Palestinian education in the occupied territories. and civil registration services and issuance of certificates related to birth, death, marriage and di-

Nimer said Jordan would continue to issue Jordanian passports - not "travel documents" - to West Bankers. These passports will be valid for two years, but this does not give the holders Jordanian nationality, he said. "Nor will the holders be required to exercise Jordanian citizens' rights or duties," he said.

Palestinians living in the East Bank and carrying family reunification certificates will not be affected at all, Nimer said. He estimated the number of people involved at around 83,000 heads of family.

"Jordan wants to give facilities to the Palestinians and not to place obstacles in their way." he

"There are nearly a quarter million Palestinians who carry

(Continued on page 5)

### Tabbaa confident measures will give impetus to economy

AMMAN (Petra) — Recent eco- "will no doubt reflect positively nomic measures announced by the government were adopted in the light of studies by the concerned authorities and after lengthy discussions by the Council of Ministers, Minister of Industry and Trade Hamdi Tabbaa said

Monday. Tabbaa said the measures were "in harmony with the basic principles of free economic enterprise and legitimate competition and individual initiative on which the Jordanian national economy is founded."

"I believe that these measures will give a new impetus to the national economy and economic freedom essential for any activity," the minister said (see page 6 for details of new measures). He said that the new measures

on the Jordanian citizen and all consumers, who will from now on give priority to national industrial products, and also on the products themselves which are expected to be of high quality and specifications. "The measures are bound to

offer a good chance for local manufacturers to offer better products to the market and which can compete with imported counterparts, particularly since the local industries will be exempted from production fees and will also enjoy other incentives in the near

Tabbaa said the new regulations would also open the way for new investments and ease unemployment in the Kingdom.

Tabbaa said similar measures

and incentives would be offered to agricultural and food-processing industries as well as the tourism industry. The government will soon offer facilities for the tourism sector,

he said. Licences will be issued

for tourism projects by the Ministry of Tourism provided that a set of conditions are met. Tabbaa The minister also said the government would reexamine the law on encouraging investments,

because it was found that some of the law's articles needed amend-Tabbaa said the Ministry of industry and Trade had already started receiving applications by Jordanian and Arab investors to

register industrial companies in

the Kingdom.

## Reagan kicks Bush campaign into high gear

NEW ORLEANS (Agencies) - In a unique, farewell political role, President Ronald Reagan is taking the offensive as he campaigns for George Bush's Republican ticket.

Reagan was to take centre stage Monday night for the address that was expected to be the true keynote of the Republican national convention. It also was to be his grand finale, at his fourth convention as a dominant Republican figure.

But it's only the start of his planned campaign. No modern president has conducted a parting campaign to match the one Reagan has promised Bush and the Republicans. He expects to appear at least twice a week in behalf of the ticket and Republican fund-raising efforts from Labour Day to election day.

The Republicans opened the four-day convention Monday evening in a city known for hot jazz, rich food and good times with only two questions left to spice up the ritual of Bush's official elevation:

- Who will be name as his

— Can a man not until now

vice presidential running mate?

— and he's 64 — known for his charisma, fire up a party used to taking orders from a political

Both questions will be answered Thursday when Bush accepts the nomination, names his running mate and steps out of Reagan's shadow by asserting command of the party in the most important speech of his political career. Bush, who has been trailing

Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis in opinion polls but now seems to be closing the gap, said the Thursday night speech would help explain to voters "why I want to lead this country and how I want to go about doing that." He acknowledged, in a

Newsweek magazine interview. that even after nearly eight years as ranking aide to the glamorous Reagan "people don't know the things that I'm talking about." George Bush said Monday

that he had narrowed the list of candidates to run for vice-president but has not picked one. "I think my choice will be widely accepted when I decide on who that choice is," Bush said Monday during a round of interviews on U.S. television shows. "I've not decided," Bush

said. Asked if he were leaning towards someone. Bush replied, "Yes, of course but (towards) some people. I'd say." Bush remained in Washington, giving the first day's con-

vention spotlight to Reagan. Amid speculation about Bush's running mate, former Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole said on the CBS television network's "CBS This Morning' programme that she did not expect to be named. Her husband, Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, also a pros-

pect, said, "I think Elizabeth would be an excellent choice." The senator denied that he had been campaigning for the "I haven't done anything to

try to influence George Bush. It's his call," Dole said. Aides said Bush may depart from his plan to make his decision known Thursday and instead unveil his choice Wednesday night, then make a drama-

tic appearance before the convention — the same procedure Reagan employed eight years ago when he named Bush as his vice-presidential choice. Reagan told an audience wel-

coming him to New Orleans Sunday that he would devote "every ounce of energy and every fiber of my being" to helping Bush.

Reagan, concluding the legal maximum of two four-year terms, was to deliver the first featured speech Monday night in an unusual arrangement designed to let Bush bask in Reagan's glow without being upstaged by him.

The technique amounted to a carefully choreographed political tango in which the two men would never share the same stage except for a brief, made-for-television encounter at a nearby military airport Tuesday when Reagan will be leaving town just as Bush ar-

TIVES. The president Sunday offered a taste of the fervent campaign endorsements he intends to give his longtime lieutenant, extolling him in a

speech cheered by thousands of Republicans shortly after he arrived in his fun-loving, French-accented town that calls itself "the big easy."

the Democrats as big-spending liberals weak on defence, Reagan said: "This isn't a campaign, it's a crusade... for America's future.

Condemning Dukakis and

"America needs the strength, vision and true grit of George Bush."

Bashing Dukakis as a naive, inexperienced leader weak on foreign affairs and prone to levy taxes will be a main theme of the Republican conclave, and Bush got a start on it by blasting his rival in the Newsweek inter-

He said he fretted about Dukakis being in charge of U.S. national security as commander-in-chief, alleging he would gut America's military defences and adding, "I think the policies he has advocated would be ... disastrous."

Meanwhile delegates packed into parties and brunches from the French Quarter to the private homes in the fashionable

Garden district of New Orleans. Visitors could barely go anywhere without hearing the jazz music indigenous to the

With tens of thousands of balloons suspended high in its ceiling, the cavernous superdome was finally ready for the Republican meeting.

Reagan, eager to pass on power to his loyal lieutenant, used his welcoming rally Sunday to give a preview of his prime-time convention address.

He called last month's Democratic convention in Atlanta "the biggest masquerade since last year's Mardi

Gras." "The masquerade is over." Reagan said. "It's time to talk issues... to say the policies of our opposition and the congressional leadership of his party

are liberal, liberal, liberal."

The crowd chanted "four more years, four more years" for the president, a reminder of the difficulty Bush faces in trying to win the same enthusiastic support that Reagan enjoyed in two landslide victories.





Jordan's jewels of stone tell tales of days gone by

# Fortresses from the past

The following article is reprinted from Royal Jordanian magazine, Royal Wings.

> Text and Photos by Martin Gostelow

ANYONE visiting Amman and having a day to spare will not want to miss Jerash, the most wonderfully preserved of ancient Roman cities and second in fame only to Petra among the jewels in Jordan's archaeological crown. No more than fifty kilometres from the capital, up the busy but excellent highway to the north, it is the kind of place that even those who have been many times before love to revisit.

Every occasion can be different. Go in the morning of a normal working day and you may have the whole place to yourself. or choose a Friday afternoon and he amazed by crowds that throng the magnificent colonnaded main street just as the populace must have done in the city's second century heyday. Whole families, often in traditional dress, stroll among the pillars or around the forum, or sit awhile in the theatres. In the spring they can be knee-deep in gorgeous wild flowers, in winter looking for a sunny spot for their picnics — and in summer for a shady one.

Then again, Jerash gradually changes as meticulous excavation reveals more of the vast site, and well-judged restoration projects such as the reerection of fallen columns are undertaken.

You might one time walk purposefully through the ancient city with a map and a detailed guide

book giving the measurements and dates of every remain — and next visit just wander, absorbing the atmosphere and letting your imagination run free. You can almost hear the chariot wheels that made those ruts in the paving stones so long ago. There is no end to the questions that ask themselves. Why, for example, are the columns on one side of the street of widely varying heights? (Answer: They were integral parts of the buildings that one stood along that side, not just a row of freestanding pillars that could all be matched with each

For those who can tear themselves away from Jerash, however, there is another treasure only twenty-five kilometres to the west. A pleasant drive along a quiet road through pine woods and olive groves soon brings it into view. For on a hill-top overlooking the Jordan Valley, and giving spectacular views of it on a clear day, stands a well-preserved twelfth-century Arab castle. This is Qal'at al-Rabad, also known as 'Ajlun, the name of the small town not far away. Built in 1184-5 by the Emir 'Izz ad-din Usama, one of the followers of Salah al-Din, it was designed to be a bastion in the long struggle against the Crusaders. Its particular function was to protect the vital line of communication from Damascus to Cairo, although it lost some importance after the decisive Arab victory in the battle of Hattin in the year 1187 A.D.

is not especially steep so a rock

ditch, or fosse, had to be cut as part of the defences, with a pillar left standing to carry a bridge. The castle as it stands today is mainly the result of reconstruction and enlargement in the late thirteenth century and is a good example of Islamic military architecture. The altitude of 1,000 metres (over 3,000 ft) not only gave it commanding views across the Jordan to the mountains beyond, but also made it part of a chain of signalling posts. These, it is said, allowed messages to be sent by means of beacons and carrier pigeons from Cairo to distant outposts on the Euphrates in the space of a single

The stones of 'Ajlun's walls are "rusticated," that is left rough on most of the visible outer faces. In particular, and this is characteristic of the work of Arab stonemasons of the time, they are recessed and smoothed near the joints in such a way as to leave a circular protuberance or boss. Maximum use is made of rocky outcrops, by incorporating them in the walls, and the main gate uses the range of defensive devices that had evolved by the time of this pinnacle of the science of castle-building. The bent entrance-way, with a covered passage actually inside the castle, multiple doors, loopholes from which the garrison could shoot and concealed make the main castle gate one of the strongest points instead of one of the weakest.

The hill on which 'Ajlun stands from Amman, indeed at about the same distance as the Queen

Alia International Airport, lies the town of Madaba. It has one claim to fame, and that claim is unique, for Madaba possesses the oldest known map of this part of the world. This wonderfully detailed document dates from the sixth century A.D. and owes its survival to the fact that it is made of stone. The Madaba map is a beautifully coloured mosaic!

metres long and seven metres across, it suffered damage long ago and the surviving part is smaller but includes large and detailed city plans. (One of the conventions of this map is that the more important the place, the bigger the area devoted to showing it). The Dead Sea and the River Nile can also be discerned. The Greek lettering is still quite easy to follow and the colours of the marbles and other stones used to make up the design are vivid. They shine as brightly as jewels as if the guardian has just given the map it daily wipe-over with a damp cloth.

For those whose appreciation has been stirred by this stunning example there are a number of other fine mosaics in the town's museum, and still more at about ten kilometres to the west, atop Mount Nebo (another high point for views of the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea). Going south from Amman,

postern gates all combined to travellers today have the same alternatives that they have had from time immemorial: the Desert Highway or, parallel to it and Even more easily accessible about thirty kilometres to the west, the fabled King's Highway. This latter choice passes through

Originally almost twenty-five The Karak highway

> more spectacular and mountainous scenary and is avoided by most commercial traffic simply because it takes longer to reach their destinations such as Agaba, Ma'an and even Petra. South from Madaba the road has to negotiate the breath-taking canyon of the Wadi Mujib, a great gash in the earth over one thousand metres deep. It winds around hairpin bend after hairpin bend to the bottom and even more laboriously up the other side. Progress is slow but worth every moment for the views, the

> > the most brilliant sea of wildflowers in a palette of every colour. Not far south of Wadi Mujib, on a spur of high ground some fifteen kilometres east of the Dead Sea, stand the ruins of the once mighty castle known to history as Kerak of Moab. Giddy drops on two sides and a rock-cut fosse on the third made it, at the height of its power in the twelfth

and thirteenth centuries, practi-

the roadside and in springtime,

cally impregnable. Only starvation ever brought a successful end to a siege of Kerak.

The site had been an obvious one for a fortress and there was already a walled town dating from ancient times when Frankish invaders under the oddlynamed Payen the Butler began building the castle in 1142 A.D. Several sieges in the 1170s failed to dislodge them, but when the infamous "land pirate," Reynald of Chatillon, took command, his raids, treaty-breaking and ruthless depredations became such a menace that Salah al-Din reintriguing Roman milestones by solved to eliminate the threat permanently.

> It was during one of the investments of Kerak that a famous example of the courtesy displayed by Salah al-Din occurred. He heard that a marriage had taken place within the walls of the fortress and sent to enquire in which tower the bridal pair were lodging, so that he could avoid bombarding it. In fact Kerak did not fall until after the battle of

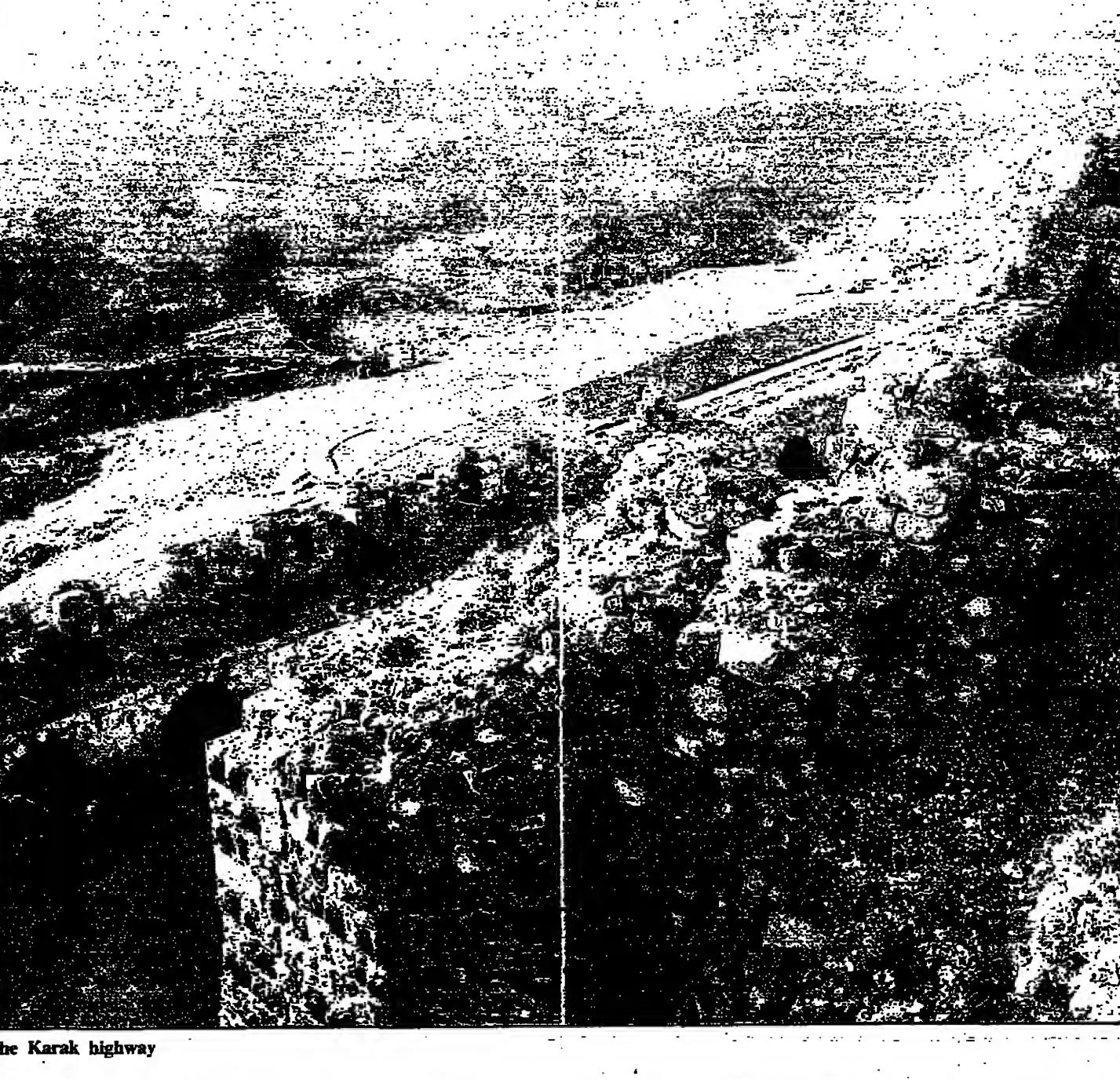
Hattin and a further prolonged

Salah al-Din then gave Kerak to his brother al-Malik al-'Adil. one of the most celebrated castlebuilders. He added the great bright green fields it is clear, too south keep, which dominates the where the grain came from to fil site today, with its bossed stones those great storerooms. Visitor like those of 'Ajlun. One of the most striking features of Kerak is want to continue southward the vast extent of the underground storage chambers, ra and Aqaba in southern Jorda caverns, stables, water cisterns — but that is another story.

and dungeons. It is easy to se =how a garrison of hundreds coulsurvive for months.

Looking out over the rampart

in spring and early summer ove with more time will doubtles along the King's Highway to Pel



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#### **MUSEUMS**

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centuries). The Roman Theatre. Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a m.-5 p m. Year-round, Tel. 651760. Jordan Archaeological Museum: Ilas an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan, Jabal Al Qal's (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 lkt p.m. (Fridays and othicial holidays 10.100 a.m. to 4.100 p.m.).

Closed Tuesdays. Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3 (0) p.m.-6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays Tel.

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#### SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lions Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings ev-ery second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hinel, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Clab. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1:30 p.m. Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00 Royal Antemobile Club. Jahal Am- -.

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### **CHURCHES**

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guage, meet every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Tel. 627366 Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623541. Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jahal Amman, Tel. 625383. chaplant's residence, tel. 601359 Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafich.

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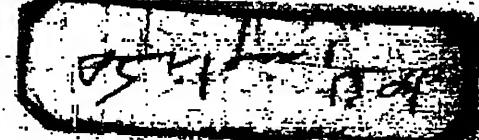
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#### NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

JOWN PRINCE MEETS HIFAL His Royal Highness Crown ace Hassan visited the Prime Ministry Monday and held a brief eting with Prime Minister Zaid Rifai.

VISING VOTERS LIST: Committees in charge of revising fiament voters lists in Balqa Governorate have completed their The lists will be hung out for the benefit of the public as of sday for a whole week.

JAKERIES CLOSED: The Public Safety Committee in Zarqa contened the closure of three bakeries found to have been using mated oil products as fuel for baking bread in violation of laws. and governor said that strict measures will be taken against them of bakeries, restaurants and cases who violate health minions.

OPEES ARMY: A ceremony was held in Irbid Monday for the determined the state of People's Army recruits from Irbid and and Another batch was graduated at a ceremony in Ma'an,

THISE ON MARKETING: A new training course on internasal marketing was opened Monday at the Jordanian Institute of a general operated by the Industrial Development Bank. The week course will orient a number of directors and senior officials mimber of industrial and commercial institutions on modern neries and methods of marketing, import and export regulations. HAMIAN GRADUATES: A batch of 25 women graduated The Hay Hamian Community Centre Monday after completing ments training courses in typing, weaving, and artificial flower

EASES FOR FARMERS: The director of Agriculture Departan the Jordan Valley announced that weekly training courses the organised for focal larmers. He said that guidance and advice the given on irrigation, combating pests and crop diseases and

#### inistry to attend talks on orid cultural development

The Minis-No. 1 Culture and National Herittemit by an international govwhen committee to discuss 2010 promote cultural demunent worldwide.

he meeting, organised by ESCO (United Nations rational Scientific and Cultural manisation), has been scheand for Sept. 12 in Paris. Exording to a ministry

He said the week-long meeting address a number of cultural

issues, including cooperation among countries in promoting cultural heritage and means of providing protection for cultural property.

The Ministry of Culture will be represented at the Paris meeting by Usama Miqdadi. the spokesman added.

He said the ministry will also take part in celebrations to be held in the Yugoslav city of Struga on Aug. 25. The Jordanian poet Nayef Abu Ubeid will attend the celebration.

### de la complex de tind cult of Open on Nov. 14

man (J.T.) — The King Juliah Ibn Al Hussein Comin time at and Public Park at Wadi Ning light ned under royal patronage on 14, His Majesty King Hus-'s birthday, according to Amhat is and Development Corporation --- C) Director General Sami Al

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**EXHIBITIONS** 

Architectural exhibition at the Jordan National Gallery of Fine

Paintings exhibition by Edward Horan at the Royal Cultural

**FOLKLORE DANCE** 

FILMS

Film: The Murderer: The Goethe Institute at 8:30 p.m.

Video film; "Moscow Olympic Stars." The Soviet Cultural

Performance segments called: "Events for Television" by the Merce Cunningham and Her Dance Company. The American

will be free of charge, Rashid

He said the 82-dunum complex will have a car park, and other facilities for the benefit of visi-

The amphitheatre will be available for plays or other performances and a nursery will open for children, in addition to a recreation centre which will include a children's garden and an aquarium, Rashid added.

ing to Rashid, is estimated at JD 7 million and the annual rate of ners in the ADC will however, utilise return from renting facilities is er cent of the complex area as expected to reach seven per cent

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### Minister urges more Arab aid to Sudan

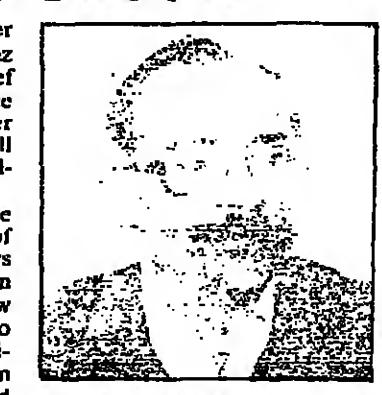
TUNIS (Petra, J.T.) - Minister of Social Development Fawwaz Tougan outlined Jordan's relief programmes to Sudan over the past three years and urged other Arab countries to extend all possible assistance to the flood-

stricken country. The minister, addressing the executive bureau meeting of Arab social affairs ministers council gathered here in an emergency session to review means of extending help to Sudan, also briefed the participants on Jordan's national plan for providing emergency food supplies, medicine and technical help to the drought and famine stricken regions of the Arab-African country.

The meeting, held under Touqan's chairmanship, heard a report from the Arab League and another from Sudan's envoy on conditions in Sudan following the Yemen and Oman. floods which left at least 1.5 million people homeless and des- al Committee for Solidarity with troyed an estimated 83,000 Sudan decided to dispatch urgent

Agency, Petra, the meeting de- to carry out relief operations. cided to allocate \$500,000 in The committee, acting upon help the Sudanese government ness Crown Prince Hassan, also finance the purchase of urgently decided to send a new consignneeded supplies.

call to all Arab states to send ers and power generators to more relief supplies to Sudan to Sudanese hospitals. help it overcome the consequences of floods and appealed to Jordan's missions of health and Arab and international organisa- engineering officials working in tions to follow suit. Petra said. the drought stricken areas of It said the Arab ministers de- Sudan.



Fawwaz Thoukan

cided to conduct a lengthy study on Sudan's social needs in the wake of the present disaster.

The meeting consisted of ministers of social affairs in Jordan, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, North and South

Earlier this month, the Nationassistance to that country in the According to the Jordan News form of medical and rescue teams

"symbolic financial assistance" to directives from His Royal Highment of medicine, food and con-The burecu issued an urgent struction supplies, water sterilis-

The new dispatches accompany

### Price of corn raised

AMMAN (Petra) — The Minis- kilogramme because this price try of Supply Monday issued a was fixed earlier when the price defence order raising the price of a tonne of corn by JD 15 in view rate. of a rise in price on the international markets.

A statement by the Minister of of corn in the country. Supply Abdul Salam Kanaan said that the Ministry of Supply. which imports and distributes corn, has been selling it for prices below international rates for the past three months and has waited for the whole amount to run out before announcing the new rates for the new shipments which it is buying now at the higher prices. According to the statement a

be sold in Amman for JD 68, in Agaba for JD 63 and in Irbid for The statement said the Minis-

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try of Supply is keen on maintain-The statement said there will be no change in the price of locally produced poultry meat

of corn was almost as the new

Poultry farms and bakeries are among the major consumers

> Olive oil price reduced

Also Monday Kanaan issued a statement in which he reduced the price of locally produced olive oil to JD 17 for an 18-kilogramme

The statement said that this will be the wholesale price for containers received from the Ministry of Supply warehouses.

The new rate is JD 13 less than the previous rates and the ministry will provide sufficient amounts of olive oil on the markets and at the Civil Servants Consumer Corporation centres, the statement said. The new rates which now sells for 740 fills a will go into effect immediately.

### Jordan takes part in meeting on refugees

DAMASCUS (Petra, J.T.) — Jordan is participating in a meeting of Arab countries to discuss the development of the Palestine problem and review reports on refugee conditions with Palesti-

nian refugees. The meeting, which opened in Damascus Monday, groups representatives of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Palestine. It will also have representatives from the Arab League and the Arab League Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

The week-long meeting will discuss ways to help the Palestinian people currently involved in the uprising and ways of improving conditions of Palestinian refugees in and outside of the occupied Arab lands.

The delegates will discuss a

report submitted to the U.N. General Assembly by the general commissioner of UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees) covering health, social and educational conditions of refugees and UNRWA's services in its fields of operations.

Jordan's two-member delegation at the meeting will be led by Dr. Ahmad Qatanani, director general of the Department of Palestinian Affairs at the Foreign Ministry.

The last meeting by countries hosting Palestinian refugees was held in Tunis last January.

The delegates then discussed providing assistance to the Palestinians in the occupied lands and improving conditions of refugee camps' residents.

## Agaba Region Authority makes reforms to enhance tourism

AQABA (Petra, J.T.) — Aqaba, this month, will host a regional conference on the environmental situation in the Red Sea zone and the Gulf of Aden, paving the way for projects to curtail pollution, Aqaba Region Authority (ARA) Director General Bassam Qaqish announced Monday.

ARA carried out several projects aimed at reducing water, air ARA plans to establish a plant and noise pollution and determining the causes of contamination in Aqaba, especially on its coast, Qaqish said in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

He said one such project, carried out in cooperation with the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and the Aquba Marine Science Station, cost JD 545,000.

"ARA is also concerned with developing the port city and its surroundings, concentrating on transport, lelecommunications, health, public safety, general services, transit, tourism and investments," Qaqish noted.

He said one of the main agro-Touristic projects in Agaba is that of planting palm trees on large areas of land.

Currently, 10,500 palm saplings are being planted in an area of 100 dunums to create a palm forest in the Aquba region. Qaqish noted.

He said dates produced by these trees will make Jordan self-

### 39,416 slaughtered sheep distributed in Jordan

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A total of 39,416 slaughtered sheep have been distributed in Jordan to needy families by the Ministry of Social Development as a gift from Muslims who performed this year's annual pilgrimage rites in Mecca, according to a ministry statement Monday.

The meat arrived in 66 cold trucks from Saudi Arabia following the end of the pilgrimage season and was distributed in an orderly manner to the almost 40.000 families living in the refugee camps of Amman, Zarqa, Irbid, Baqaa, Jerash and Souf, according to a spokesman for the ministry's committee which supervised the distribution process.

Spokesman Zaki Ammarin said in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that the meat arrived under a programme worked out by the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank, which organised other shipments of meat to a number of Islamic countries.

Ammarin said: "Thanks to help and proper organisation by the provincial governors and police stations the distribution process went smoothly.

Ammarin also said his committee prepared a report which recommends that the ministry set up distribution centres for meat slaughtered in Mecca in Amman and Irbid to facilitate the process.

The meat, he said, was examined by vets and specialists from the Ministry of Agriculture at the Amman Slaughterhouse before it was distributed to the Jordan has received meat from

slaughtered sheep in Mecca for five years. The distribution is organised by the Ministry of Social Development which caters to the needs of poor families in now until the year 2000. Another organisational plan

for the development of the Agaba coast at Hafaier district has been worked out and a third for domestic and foreign tourist has been drafted for utilising the groups. port and the industrial zones in a more efficient manner. Qaqish Quqish said ARA established

the Royal Jordanian Diving Cen-

Date saplings previously were tre, the first of its kind in the imported from Iraq. Tunisia, and region, at a cost of JD 205,000. This centre, he said, was used by the British Sandhurst Military College to train its students. The centre, he added, is being

authorities prepare a study on Public Security Department and private citizens. Other projects include the Aquba sports complex, which has a soccer field, which can He said this study, new com- accommodate 4,000 spectators, plete, outlines preliminary de- and adjoining facilities which cost

signs to provide protection for the JD 120,000, Qaqish noted.

course of the study, he said, also promote tourist activities and reprovided rough plans for roads construction continues on the old which would serve the city from Shallaleh district and central

parts of the city. To encourage tourism, Qaqish added. "a national tourist camp was set up on a 350 dunum area

"In addition, a new suburb, the Sultan Qaboos Tourist District. will be established and, according to plans, will be composed of 3,000 homes which could be sold to Jordanian and Arab citizens to spend their holidays near the coast," Qaqish said.

In the Badia district of Agaba, Qaqish said ARA is establishing a vouth centre, a central services used for training officers from the complex and a community centre.

ARA, he said, is continuing with projects to facilitate traffic flow to and from the city by paving roads, building bridges and establishing road junctions.

The ARA chief said the Aquba region constitutes 9.5 per cent of He said work is also underway. Jordan's total area and has a A survey conducted in the to build a Royal Yachts Club to population of 50,000,

The national committee held

its first meeting in June and heard

views of PSD officials, religious

leaders and lawvers on crimes in

On the meeting's agenda were

figures provided by the PSD.

which indicate a decline in crimes

last year, compared with figures

A total of 18,129 crimes of all

kinds were committed in the

country in 1987 compared with

released on crimes in 1986.

the Kingdom.

19,579 in 1986.

### National committee seeks to reduce crimes and rehabilitate criminals

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Higher presented a working paper which these subcommittees and to make National Committee for Combat- demonstrated that an increasing funds available for their research ing Crime in Jordan Monday pub- number of youths are now turn- work. lished recommendations reached ing to drugs and becoming at its meeting held Saturday even- addicts. ing under the chairmanship of

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ARA requested that concurred

floods in Aqaba region since the

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70.000, Qaqish added.

General Abdul Hadi Al Majali. The committee discussed working papers and regulations conin the Kingdom and reviewed sub-committee reports on different subjects.

The recommendations which appeared in Monday's local press call for a number of measures deemed necessary to reduce crimes and rehabilitate the cri-

The committee decided to embark on a programme to spread public awareness against drugs, relying on books and publications, lectures, radio and television programmes and religious teachings, to achieve that end. The assistance of universities,

schools and various ministries will be enlisted in this process, according to the recommenda-

Col. Ghaleb Zo'bi director of 24, 1988. the PSD's anti-narcotics division | Nearly 500 delegates from va- security matters.

Jordan, which has a central

Public Security Department geographic location in the Arab (PSD) Director Lieutenant World is being used by drug traffickers as a passage ground for other Arab states. Zo'bi said. "In addition, the presence of a cerning measures to curtail crime great number of non-Jordanian workers in the Kingdom creates a fertile ground for the spread of

> Although this is not a dangerous problem yet for Jordan, all possible measures should be taken to eliminate its causes, Zo'bi noted.

of subcommittees and said His the number of robberies and Royal Highness Crown Prince thefts, according to the PSD fi-

Hassan has pledged support for gures.

The figures included a decline of 5.4 per cent in juvenile delin-Majali paid tribute to the work quency and 27.4 per cent drop in

### CAA to attend security talks

civil aviation security which will nised by the U.S. Federal Aviabe held in Washington on Oct. tion Administration (FAA).

AMMAN (Petra) — The Civil rious airlines and civil aviation Aviation Authority (CAA) will authorities around the world will participate in a conference on take part in the conference, orga-

The delegates will discuss

## Amman to host conference on maternal survival on Sept. 24

AMMAN (J.T.) — A regional conference on 'maternal survival' will be held in Amman between Sept. 24 and 26 in implementation of resolutions taken by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in Nairobi in February

daily said that the conference will be organised here by the Health Ministry in cooperation with WHO, UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund), the World Bank and the U.N. Fund for Population Activities.

According to the report, the conference is designed to draw attention to major health issues facing mothers and considered as the source of diseases that normally lead to death.

Such diseases, it said, are associated with pregnancy and delivery.

According to the paper, the

Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh A report in Al Ra'i Arabic has extended invitations to Arab health ministers to take part in the coming conference. Apart from Arab ministers,

representatives and specialists from various world organisations will participate in the three-day gathering which, according to the paper, will discuss two main working papers, in addition to papers that would be submitted by different participating nations. A project to reduce infant mortality and increase maternal sur-

ning and Protection Society.

Members of the society, who delegates will exchange views on briefed Hamzeh on the project the most proper means of safe- last week, said the project will guarding mothers' lives and raise awareness in the medical national plans designed to pre- community and the general pubserve the life of mothers and their lic. by stressing that lengthening the interval between births to at least 24 months will save lives.

> According to a study by the Faculty of Medicine at Columbia University in New York, the infant mortality rate in Jordan will decrease by 40 per cent if parents space births of their children at least 24 months apart.

The release of the study coincided with the signing of an agreement by Planning Minister Taher Kanaan and U.S. Ambassador to Jordan Roscoe Suddarth under which the U.S. Agency for International Development will vival is being carried out in Jor- grant Jordan \$2.5 million during dan by the Jordan Family Plan- each of the next two years for a birth spacing project.

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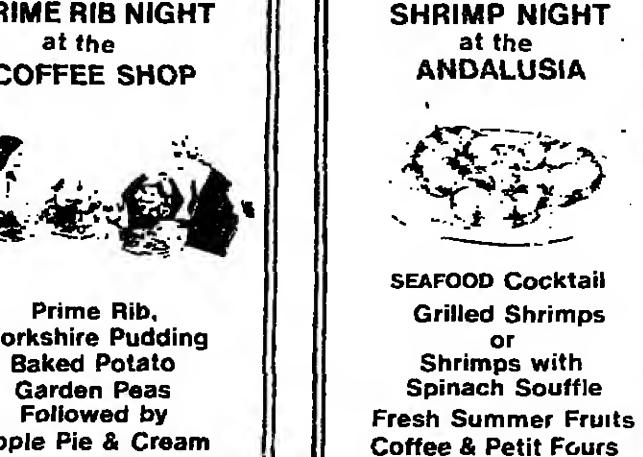
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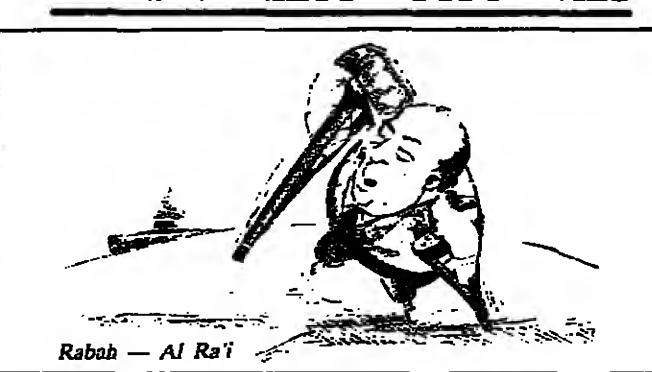
### Positive start

THERE is much to be pleased with following the three days of talks between Jordanian and Palestinian officials which took place here earlier this week. The single most important factor, in our view, is the clarity in bilateral ties that has started to emerge in the wake of Jordan's decision to cut legal and administrative links with the West Bank. After the move was first announced, there was some public confusion about its implications and ramifications. The Jordan-PLO talks have started to clarify key elements of the process at hand, and, we believe, in a manner that will serve the best interests of both parties.

Most important, perhaps, is the new spirit of dialogue and mutual respect that now governs Jordan-PLO relations. In the past, there were periods when the relationship had to overcome some short-term suspicion and doubts about motives. The Jordanian disengagement from the occupied Palestinian territories has removed an element which had given rise to considerable misunderstandings. The relationship between the two banks of the Jordan River is now more logical and effective. The Palestinian identity has been strengthened, both regionally and internationally, and the role of Jordan in supporting the Palestinian people's chosen strategy for national liberation has been put on a more

efficacious course. The critical thing now is to maintain and deepen the dialogue between the two leaderships and the two people, so as to avoid any misinterpretations — naive or malicious which may enter onto the stage. The discussions here this week are an excellent start, and confirm our long-held and firm belief that only through close cooperation between distinct but fraternal Jordanian and Palestinian political entities can we hope to achieve progress towards the national goals of the Palestinians, the Jordanians and other Arabs. The spirit of mutual responsibility, honesty and realism that prevailed at the meetings should be clear to, and generate pride in, all Jordanians and Palestinians.

#### ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS



Al Ra'i: Serving the Palestinians

JORDANIAN-Palestinian talks which ended in Amman Sunday stressed the special relationship between the Jordanian and Palestinian people despite the Jordanian decision to sever legal and administrative ties with the West Bank. The talks marked yet another stage in bilateral consultations and coordination between the two sides on matters of supporting the steadfastness of the Palestinian people and thwarting Zionist plots and evil plans in Palestine. For its part, Jordan has reiterated its commitment to helping the Palestinian people in their continued drive to liberate their lands despite the new Jordanian measure; and the PLO delegation voiced total appreciation of the Jordanian move and the Jordanian leadership's stand which has always supported Arab causes in general and the Palestine cause in particular. The PLO now realises that Jordan's measures were designed solely to serve the Palestinian people and enable their legitimate representative to assume its role and shoulder its responsibilities in all matters related to the Palestinian people. The official Jordanian statement following these talks made it clear that the two sides were in full agreement on maintaining national unity between the two sides of the River Jordan and the need for coordinated steps to foil enemy plans. The statement also pointed out that Jordanians living in the East Bank will maintain their full rights in their Palestinian homeland. This consensus clearly reflects the Jordanian and Palestinian leaderships' desire to preserve and bolster all ties between them in the service of the common cause.

#### Al Dustour: Deep satisfaction

PERHAPS the positive atmosphere which prevailed at the Jordanian-PLO talks in Amman and the deep satisfaction which resulted from the three-day deliberations are more important than the talks themselves. although the agenda was full of important topics. The PLO's expression of satisfaction with the Jordanian measures concerning the West Bank and the motives behind them is a constructive factor for the continuation of mutual cooperation. The Palestinian side expressed total understanding of the Jordanian measures, which are clearly designed to serve the Palestinian people and their legitimate and sole representative; and to give further impetus to the current Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab territories. Indeed, there has been unanimous approval by all countries of the Jordanian measures which are considered as another practical step towards helping the Palestinians' struggle to regain their rights and achieve self-determination on Palestinian soil. Jordan, of course, welcomes the PLO decision to maintain consultations between the two sides and will certainly adopt measures for safeguarding national unity which can stand as a strong fortress in the face of Zionist conspiracies and can help maintain progress and prosperity for people on both banks of the River Jordan.

Sawt Al Shaab: Partners

JORDANIAN-Palestinian talks ended in Amman Sunday with a positive communique reflecting the determination on both sides to maintain strong ties of cooperation and coordination for the benefit of the Jordanian and Palestinian people. Statements by officials on both sides following the communique further contributed to the process of removing all misgivings and mistrust which had characterised the PLO stand with regard to Jordan for a long time. While taking its measures concerning the West Bank, Jordan was very careful in its action which came in response to Arab demands at the Algiers summit and has been careful to point out that the measures can by no means end the national unity between the Jordanian and Palestinian people. The Jordanian leadership was careful also to explain these facts to the PLO delegation and to pledge Jordan's unwavering support for the Palestinian struggle for freedom and the creation of an independent Palestinian state on Palestine soil. The PLO delegation members who heard Jordan's explanation of the situation. voiced appreciation of King Hussein's endeavours and relentless efforts to serve the Palestine cause. This PLO attitude was welcomed by Jordan which should be regarded as a partner in the common struggle to achieve freedom for the Palestinian people.

# Palestinians in Israel: Survival against all odds

By Julia Slater

IN the media coverage of the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the state of Israel, many commentators have drawn comparisons between the spirit of 1948 and the spirit of 1988, with honest old European socialist Zionists being replaced by thrusting and ruthless young Sephardim and American religious fundamentalists. Public perception of Israel in the West until relatively recently was certainly that of a nation of pioneers who made the desert bloom. Liberals who are horrified now by what they have been seeing in the occupied territories remain unaware of the experiences of those Arabs who have lived in Israel since the begin-

ning. The three main Arab areas in Israel are the Negev in the south, the Triangle in the centre, and the Galilee in the north, and in addition there are mixed towns like Haifa, Akka and Jaffa. Of these groups, it is certainly the Negev Beduin who have suffered most. Many of them fled or were expelled during the 1948 war; others were told by the Israelis that they must leave their land for

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the duration of the hostilities and that afterwards they would be allowed to return. This promise has never been fulfilled, and the tribes have not been offered

adequate compensation. In 1953, the Knesset adopted the Law of Acquisition of Lands, which stated that land unoccupied by its owners on April 1, 1952 would be registered in the name of the Development Authority and was thus available for

Jewish settlement. The Beduin land in question was of course unoccupied precisely because the owners had been driven off by a combination of force and false pretences and were forcibly prevented from returning to it. Until 1966 all the remaining Negev Bedoin were obliged to live in a closed reservation, with their rights severely curtailed — for several years, for example, a person had to get one of the limited number of permits in order to be able to leave the area at all. The government policy is to push the Beduin into wage labour, and to this end it is trying to force them to live in government settlements where they are unable to cultivate

any land.

But the Beduin are traditionally farmers, and most have been more or less settled since long before the establishment of the state of Israel. The Israelis refuse to recognise any proof of Beduin land ownership except for the Turkish Tabu land registry documents, though it is well known that scarcely any Beduin registered their lands — quite understandably, since registration meant taxation and conscription. Land sale documents which some tribes do hold, do not satisfy the authorities. The position now is that somewhat over half the Negev Beduin live in "illegal" villages, either on their former lands, or on lands to which they were relocated. Since they are not allowed to put up buildings outside the government settlements, any house is liable to demolition and its owner to be fined or imprisoned, though there is no consistency in the way in

which the law is applied. Provision of basic services is poor to non-existent. Land, even though it was formerly held by Beduin, can be leased, not owned, and only for one growing season, which removes all incen-

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tive to improve it. No water is available for Arab irrigation, though it is supplied to Jewish farms. The traditional authority structures have been undermined, though the Israelis have co-opted some ignorant older men to help them — people who have forfeited the respect of the community. The Shaikh of one illegal village said: "I'm supposed to serve them as an informer. This is not honourable work and I refuse to do anything that is against religion or honour. So they don't respond to our demands." The shaikhs try to bargain with the authorities, but there is little they can do when the authorities consistently re-

nege on their promises. The Beduin have suffered most, but the same basic policy is in operation agaist all the Arab citizens of Israel: To deprive them of their land and make them into wage labourers. The towns and viliages further north have seen their old lands confiscated and handed over for Jewish use. The result is not only that they have less land, but also that their populations have swollen immensely as the inhabitants of destroyed villages who have lost their own lands have moved in. The authorities have refused to draw up zoning plans for the Arab villages, and thus few plots have been designated for new housing. As the population naturally incrases, the inhabitants are forced to build new houses anyway, often investing very large sums of money in them, since they are designed for big families, and because in any case there is little else to invest in. The authorities play cat and mouse: A build-

ing may have been standing for years before its owner is told to demolish it. If he refuses, the demolition is done for him and he is charged for the job. A recent report by a government committee recommended that several thousand houses in the Arab sec-

tor should be demolished. The problem is not immediately obvious to the casual visitor to an Arab village, where many of the houses give every appearance of affluence — though repeated visits will show that some are never completed. The inhabitants maintain that these houses are the fruit of long years of hard work and sacrifice: The housing ministry has never built a house in the Arab sector, and Arabs do not benefit from any of the subsidies available to Jews. The Israelis claim that the Arabs'

The traditional authority structures have been undermined

standard of living has increased greatly since 1948, but many Arabs retort that this has happened all over the world, and what improvement there is is the fruit of their own efforts, and nothing do with the existence of

Although the Triangle and Galilee villages have their own elected councils (unlike the Negev government settlements) the public services there are usually very poor, since the councils do not receive sufficient money from the relevant ministries. The purely Arab areas of Israel, which contain 12 per cent of the country's population, receive 3 per cent of the total municipal allowances. Umm al-Fahm is famous for the sewage that runs down its steep streets. A council official from there attributed the low level of funding to the fact that that town in particular has a reputation for being nationalist. Samir Wahabi, who belongs to Likud, and heads the education department of the local council in Bayt Jann in the Galilee, is proud of the amenities in his village, and gives short shrift to the nationalist councils: "They should leave politics to the politicians. The problems of the Palestinian people can't be solved by the local authorites: Their job is to contribute to the development and progress of their vil-

But politics and services are not so easily separated even in a mixed community. The mainly Arab quarter of Khalisa in the largely Jewish town of Haifa has found a distinct lack of interest by the local authorities in improving run-down areas. So the Khalisa Association has been set up by Arab and Jewish residents to take matters into their own hands. One of the activists. Naim, explained the municipality's attitude: It says that the people living in Khalisa have moved in from the mountains, and the city cannot be responsible for them. The association has become quite well known, and is able to raise some money abroad. But even if the Arens plan to deal with the Israeli Arab population comes into force, and the government implements its proposals to reward compliant Arab movements and to penalise nationalists, the association is not worried. "Maybe they will put an end to funds from outside," said Naim, "but they can't put an end to our aware-

Forty years have passed since the creation of the state of Israel. and the experience of those 40 years of Zionist rule has inevitably politicised the Palestinians and changed their outlook. The

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Palestinians have seized on the

opportunities they have beer given, such as compulsory univer sal education. Although their complain that the standard o schooling they receive is much lower than that available in the Jewish sector, and the opportuni ties for further education fewer at least young Arab women di not now say, as many of their mothers do: "I'm illiterate. don't understand politics." Hand in hand has gone a growing inde pendence for girls, though evidently the degree of freedon they have depends also on their families. Hiam Abbas, an actres now living in Haifa, but born in the Arab village of Dayr Hanna admitted that Israel has influ enced the Palestinians by offerin them different perceptions. different way of life. At the same time she emphatically rejects any identification with Israel, and resents finding herself surrounded by manifestations of Hebrew cur ture, being addressed in Hebrew, being automatically presumed to be Jewish. Another educated woman of the same age, living in Tayiba, in the Triangle, envied her mother, who, she said had had an easier life, able to stay at home rather than go out into an alien environment. "But wouldn't you have been bored just sitting at home?" "Of course, the chance to study and work is good," she replied, "but we have to study with people who don't like us. I'm not saying her life was much better than mine. But her state of mind was better than mine, and that is very important in life". — Middle East International. London.

## Israel's ex-military chiefs play increasing role in election debate

By Nicolas B. Tatro The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel's preelection debate on the future of the occupied territories is turning

into a battle of the generals. The Labour Party of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is reassessing policy, based on the recommendations of retired military chiefs who believe giving back land may not jeopardise the country's security.

However, their positions are disputed by ex-generals aligned with the Likud Bloc of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. They argue a smaller Israel is a more vulnerable Israel.

"Could we leave Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) and be safe? The answer is no," said retired Maj. Gen. Yehoshua Saguy, now a Likud candidate for parliament.

The Nov. 1 elections may turn on whether Israeli voters are willing to risk giving up all or part of the West Bank and Gaza Strip occupied in the 1967 Middle East

Much of the new thinking about the territories is coming from the liberal, Labour-oriented Council for Peace and Security. which includes among its members 30 major generals, 80 brigadier generals and 100 colonels.

Spokesman Moshe Amirav

says after four months of internal

debates, the private think tank is getting ready to publish a series of papers on the military implications of giving up territory. Amirav said a consensus had

been reached on four major points:

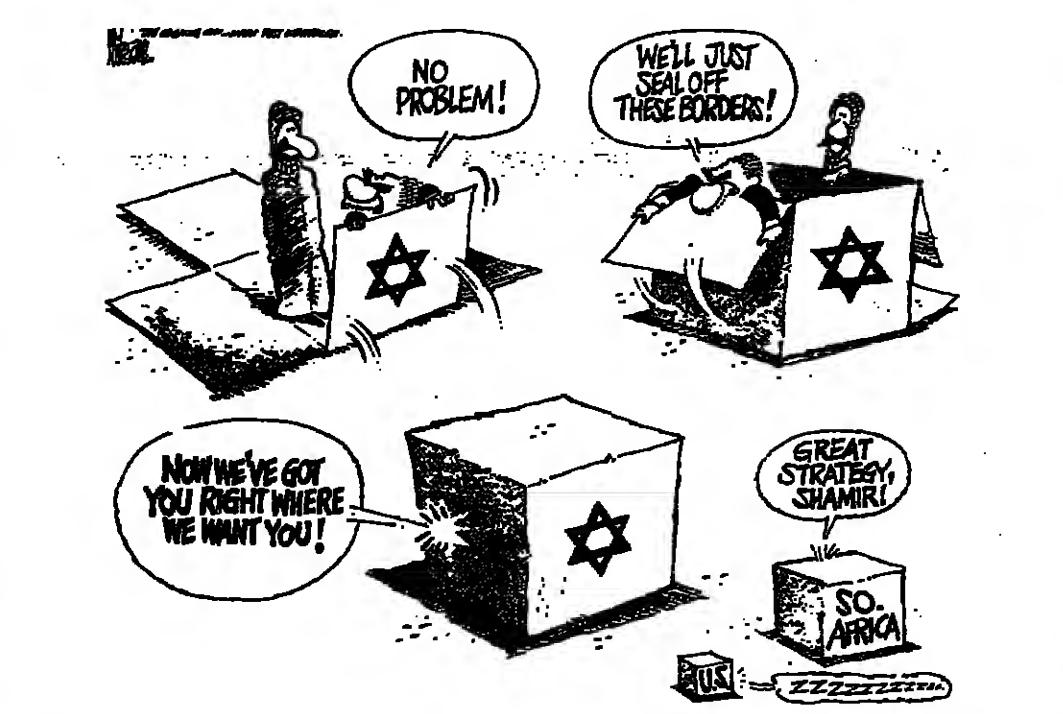
- Evacuated areas would become demilitarised. — The Jordan River would be the military frontier.

— Israel's air force would control of the skies over any territory vielded to the Arabs. — Israel would maintain early warning stations in the West

Bank, perhaps existing bases, on

50-year leases.

Retired Maj.-Gen. Menachem Meron of the Peace Council said



it could take years to establish adequate security safeguards.

"Our group believes territorial compromise can be achieved and defence arrangements can be made, even if they cover a long period of time," he said in an

interview. The daily Yediot Ahronot newspaper said a withdrawal plan was being drafted for the Labour Party by a group of senior reserve officers headed by Avigdor Ben-Gal, a retired major general and leading figure in the Peace

Israel holding onto the Jordan Valley and other strategic areas of the West Bank for security

"Under the previous plan, Israel would keep 50 to 60 per cent of the territory. But in terms of security, we say it can give up to 100 per cent if these conditions are met," Amirav said in an

He also added the consensus in

Council. It would replace a Labour Party policy paper that envisioned

the council's discussions was that a Palestinian state "is not by itself a mortal threat to Israel" even though this had become a slogan of the right.

Saguy, who has emerged as a leading Likud spokesman on defence policy, said Israel's defence strategy was built on its ability to mobilise reserve troops and the land was needed to buy time for troops to get into position.

He said maintaining the Jordan River as a defensive line meant being able to send troops to the frontier without being subject to attack in hostile areas of the West Bank in between.

Some pro-withdrawal generals said accurate long-range missiles made it unnecessary to hold onto the territory as a buffer. But Saguy said territorial depth translated into extra time which was even more critical than before. Alouph Hareven, a former intelligence colonel and leading figure in the Peace Council, said ex-generals would play a key role in selling the public on the need

"The Israeli public is not sentimentally attached to Nablus, Hebron or other areas of the West Bank. What matters to them is the security dimension,"

Saguy, a former head of military intelligence, agreed voters would decide on the basis of security issues. But he said "nobody sees an alternative to holding the territory right now."

Raphael Eitan, a former chief of staff and now a leading figure in the nationalist Tehiya Party, called on Israel radio for the annexation of all occupied land. "We must annex all of (the territory) and massively settle ev-

ery spare corner of the land of Israel," said Eitan, a legislator. Saguy was forced to resign and Eitan retired after both were criticised by a Judicial commission for failing to prevent the massacre of Palestinians by

Christian militiamen in the Beirut

camps of Sabra and Shatilla.

to get rid of the occupied lands.

Prime Minister Pedro Pires.

"The prime minister is the first one to go. He or the president usually opens the campaign," she

told Reuters during a recent visit. Forestry experts say trees are crucial to drought-stricken areas because they stop erosion of the soil, hold water, provide firewood and eventually modify the

Cape Verde, a former Portuguese colony which was until recently one of the world's poorest nations, gets an average of 300mm (one foot) of rain per year, all of it within about 10 days in August.

year is hot, dry and windy. "It's probably the only place in

Cape Verde: Best use for aid money

> By Rebecca Irvin Reuter -

PRAIA — When life-giving rains begin falling in the tiny African nation of Cape Verde, the entire population from the lowest peasant to the president himself roll up their sleeves and set to

work in the mud. They have 10 days to plant

three million trees. Cape Verde hopes to turn its dry, barren islands into lush. green oases and it may well succeed. International aid workers say its anti-desertification programme is unparalleled in Africa

for its scope and success. The archipelago nation of 350,000 people almost 400 miles off the coast of West Africa comes under the Sahel belt and is beaten by harsh desert winds

from Mauritania. Although it is virtually an offshore extension of the Sahara Desert, Cape Verde has managed to plant 17 million trees since independence in 1975, even with a 20-year drought which ended

with good rains in 1987. Despite droughts, there has been no recurrence of the last severe famine in the 1940s which left almost 20,000 people dead.

"When the rains start in August, we all leave the office and go out and plant. It's fun," said Basilissa Pires, chief of staff for

micro-climate itself.

Weather during the rest of the the world where they can get

trees to grow in such places," said Martino Meloni, representative for the European Community, Cape Verde's single largest donor. 'It is a model for other countries."

A visit to Cape Verde quickly confirms the assertion that the anti-desertification programme is one of nation's most impressive

achievements. Prosopis trees, which the Cape Verdians call "American acacia,"

dot even the driest, rockiest Driving around Sao Vicente.

one of the most barren of Cape Verde's 10 islands, dusty brown. hills are suddenly broken by 2. burst of green coconut and mango trees in an enclosed area fed by a well and protected by walls against the wind. Although the islands vary;

greatly and landscapes range: from lush valleys to flat dry salt pits, water is lacking everywhere. "The basic problem here is water. But, on the whole, it's much better than other places in Africa. You don't have the desert slowly taking over," said Willy Salters of the U.S. Agency for International Development

(USAID). Meloni said the community is drawing up a special manual on anti-desertification programmes based on the Cape Verdian experience for use in other Third World countries.

It will illustrate how to identify good terrain, prepare the ground for planting, select the right varieties of trees and get seediings ready for the crucial moment when rains start. Even the hardiest trees must have some initiality

water to take root. In Cape Verde, about 85 per cent of the saplings survive. Cape Verdians are also building dams, dykes, wells and water sheds walls staggered along valleys to help stop rain from rushing down the mountains straight into the

Experiments, are under way in solar and wind energy and a USAID project is even trying to collect water from fog.

### Brave and constructive challenge

interview.

Israel's Fateful Decisions

By Yehoshafat Harkabi I.B. Tauris, London 1988, £14.95

ONE indisputable advantage which Israel enjoys in its conflict with the Arabs is the freedom of expression permitted to its political theorists and commentators, and the consequent enrichment of its internal political debate. Professor, former General, Harkabi is a powerful recruit to the ranks of dissent from the attitudes and policies of the governing coalition and of both its major components. He maintains that the perpetuation of conflict which now looks almost inevitable, while likely to do great

damage to the Arab states, is yet more dangerous to Israel because "even if today Israel is still stronger than the Arab armies, the Arab's ability to absorb losses is ultimately likely to reverse the

balance of forces." Even without war, moreover, Israel's present policy is heading for failure. Its logical conclusion is the annexation of the occupied territories, or at least of the West Bank and Gaza. Given this expansion, together with the higher Arab birthrate, "it has been calculated that by the year 2015

thereafter the ratio between them will continue to change to the disadvantage of the Jews." Could Israel then be properly described as a Jewish state? Paradoxically, "annexation will lead to the realisation of the PLO dream of a democratic Palestinian state."

Annexation would not only be dangerous. It would be a departure from the policy to which Israel committed itself as recently as 1979. "The historical truth isthat in the Camp David accords Mr. Begin conceded that the West Bank and Gaza Strip will a need for international midwifnot be part of Israei. Or, put ery" while arguing later that deanother way, as some of his aides lay could lead to intervention by remarked on the spot, at Camp the superpowers and that "the Palestinian A

Not only, in Harkabi's view, should the government of Israel return to the clear meaning of the agreement with Egypt. It should agree to negotiate with the PLO, recognition of which "is not a reward for its good behaviour but dictated by the function which it

It is a brave, logical and constructive challenge. But it leaves a number of questions unanswered. On the matter of how negotiations might be started Harkabi seems to be undecided. saying at one point that "there is David Mr. Begin founded the conditions of such an imposed Israeli structure. This interpreta-

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that might be obtained by direct negotiation."

He does not define precisely what he means by the West Bank. Nor does he commit himself to a solution for what must be the most difficult problem of all, the problem of Jerusalem, observing simply that "one proposal would divide the city into boroughs, united within a Greater Jerusalem Municipality." But the greater municipality would presumably have to be contained within either the Arab or the Jewish stae, and Harkabi's implication appears to be that the Arabs would have some kind of district council status within an e to be less tion is strengthened by his fear

that, in the event of some Israeli threat to the Muslim holy places, "some or all of the forty Muslim states... might even demand that Jerusalem be placed under international rule." But an internstional administration of the walled city is almost certainly an essential condition of any peaceful settlement.

Finally, this thesis rests very largely on the demographic argument while ignoring the possibil-ity that progress towards an Arab majority could concervably be reversed.

Middle East International,

Harold Beeley 



family takes shelter in a hut after turned homeless in flood-ravaged Khartoum

### Sudanese build barriers in bid to block further floods

KHARTOUM (Agencies) — Thousands of anxious people living along the Nile hurriedly built sandbag barriers Monday to hold back the river, surging towards its

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record 1946 flood level. In the capital Khartoum, workers erected a wall of sandbags around the Kuwait-Sudan Centre, an 11-storey office block housing the World Bank, the U.S. AID mission and the United Nations High Commissioner for

Sudan has appealed for international aid to help an estimated two million people made homeless by floods in the last two

The official death toll has been put at 58, but diplomats believe it to be higher.

A statement from the Irrigation Ministry said the Nile was likely to reach a critical level in ide's sind the next two days.

It said the river rose 29 centimetres on Sunday to 16.50 " Cape league metres and was still rising. The worst Nile flood this cenincation must tury peaked at about .. 17.14 106's more metres in 1946, submerging most

ress with Sudan's northern region. ili "America". - As the latest threat worsened, the dial e relief agencies said most of the

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family reunification permits and

live in Jordan or abroad and these

people's status will also not be

affected," the Foreign Ministry

secretary-general said. The same

goes for the residents of refugee

.As to Palestine National Coun-

camps in Jordan, he added.

million were still without shelter. medical care or sufficient food nearly two weeks after a 13-hour

At least a dozen countries have sent emergency relief supplies, including tents, blankets, medicine and foodstuffs.

downpour started the flood crisis.

Authorities acknowledge that little has been accomplished so far in providing aid to the victims, but they blame insufficient supplies and the suddenness and scope of the catastrophe.

"In a matter of hours, towns and millions of people were submerged," Omer Al Din, head of the national flood emergency committee, said Saturday.

Saudi Arabia's King Fahd personally donated \$8 million to help out and his country last week began an airlift of emergency The Sudanese government

tion said Saturday the foreign aid provided so far amounted to just Ta drop in the ocean" compared with the size of the problem.

minister heading the relief opera-

boon to neighbouring Egypt. The Nile flews north from Sudan through arid Egypt to the

Jordanians of Palestinian origin,

Nimer said that "legally no

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a new formula will have to be

worked out," Nimer added.

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The question of dual

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Mediterranean and is vital to irrigate crops and generate hyd-

ro-electric power. Eight successive years of below-average floods have depleted the huge reservoir behind Egypt's Aswan dam and forced the government to impose harsh conservation measures.

In Saudi Arabia, officials said they expected other members of the royal family to follow King Fahd's example in giving money to help the flood victims.

One official said a relief committee set up by the king could raise as much a half a billion Saudi rivals (\$135 million) in contributions from businesses and individuals.

The officials said Saudi Arabia had already sent more than 40 planeloads of food, medicine. blankets, tents and other equipment to Sudan, while 5,000 tonnes of relief supplies had left by

The United Nations estimates 12,000 tonnes of food is needed to help feed the flood victims for a month. It is helping coordinate the catastrophe could get worse.

More rain is forecast for this month and into September.

Nimer, who attended the talks

with PLO delegation, said the

idea of setting up a provisional

Palestinian government was

being considered by the PLO

Nimer did not say whether

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat

was expected to pay a visit to

Jordan soon. But, he said, Jordan

will welcome Arafat any time.

established, he said.

leadership.

# Beirut mounts massive security drive

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanon Monday prepared a massive security operation for this week's presidential election as fears mounted of armed clashes and a plot to sabotage the poll.

Local media said Monday ly opposed to Syria's strong influthreats from the hardline ence in Lebanon which could Lebauese Forces (LF) militia and an army mobilisation had raised allow it to swing the outcome of fears of a military showdown be-

fore the election. All army leave had been cancelled and troops were on standby in their barracks, they said.

"Concern is growing that the army and the Lebanese Forces could come to blows in Christian areas. The situation is nearing exploding point and only American pressure on the Christians can stop that," said the Al Safir

Officials said scores of heavily armed police and troops would seal off the area around parliament on the green line where deputies Thursday will elect a successor to President Amin Gemayel.

They said the troops and police would escort the 76 ageing deputies to prevent any attempt to stop them reaching the 11 a.m. (0800 GMT) meeting at the building on the Museum Crossing between west and east Beirut. Acting Prime Minister Selim

Hoss had talks Monday with Interior Minister Abdallah Rassi, Communications Minister Joseph Hashem and army commander Michel Aoun. Officials said they reviewed security for the election.

"The plan aims at ensuring that the election session takes place despite the threats," one official

The Lebanese Forces militia, fearing the election of a president prepared to crack down on its rule of a wide coastal strip north of Beirut, announced a major alert last week. A top rightist official, Falange

Party leader George Saadeh, Sunday threatened to torpedo the poll if a president was imposed by foreign powers. Aoun, apparently in reaction

to the threats, put his 35,000 troops across Lebanon on alert. A top Lebanese Forces militia leader told Reuters the militia might ask Christian deputies not to attend the session to prevent the election of a pro-Syrian presi-

Rassi Sunday called on the 41 Christian and 35 Muslim deputies to contact security authorities if parliament to vote.

A police statement said Monday the museum road near parliament would be closed to civilians from Wednesday afternoon and

cars would be barred from park- elected.

ing along rouds in the area. backed president.

had avoided naming a preferred candidate, fearing that Syria would ensure he were not

At least four politicians have Political sources said rightist announced their candidacies but militants appeared determined to scores more are regarded by local pressed by any militia not to go to foil the election of a Syrian- media as contenders and have been shuttling between Beirut They said the Lebanese Forces and Damascus to win Syrian sup-

port for their nomination. The United States has been negotiating with Syria to smooth the way for the election of a

president acceptable in all camps. A pro-Syrian political source said Syria favoured what he called a "strong" president even if he was not supported by all warring factions.

Reuters Monday that pro-Syrian former President Suleiman Franjieh and Aoun were regarded as the front-runners. Both are strongly opposed by

Other political sources sold

Christian nardliners. Media have accused Apun of ordering the mobilisation of troops to boost his own chances

in the poll. Al Safir said Aoun sought "to protect the election and at the same time protect his victory at the election session.

Roger Edde, a 46-year-old lawyer, announced Monday he would stand as a candidate dedicated to changing the country's political system.

He told reporters at the historic port city of Byblos, 40 kilometres north of Beirut, he envisaged a new electoral system and a strong

### Runcie presses Iran for hostage release

president Thursday.

LONDON (Agencies) — the archbishop's headquarters at Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcic has urged Iran to use its influence in Lebanon to secure the release of British hostages, including his special envoy

Aftermath of a carbomb explosion in Beirut.

Carbombs are seen as one of the major threats that

the Lebanese Army has to tackle in its drive to

Christian hardliners are strong-

Terry Waite. A spokesman for Runcie, spiritual leader of the Church of England, said Sunday talks with an Iranian diplomat were complete and had been "open and relaxed." Runcie and his senior assistant, John Lyttle, met in London with Mohammad Reza said Mohammadi of the Iranian

"The atmosphere has been considerably improved in recent weeks by steps taken by both the British and Iranian governments," according to the statement issued Sunday night from

Foreign Ministry.

Lambeth Palace.

"The archbishop has demonstrated his own good will for the improvement of Anglo-Iranian relations and his concern for the Iranian hostages in Lebanon. "He is firmly of the view that

ence that might bring about the release of hostages of whatever nationality should use it without qualification. "We now look to Iran to use all its undoubted influence in Leba-

non to help to bring about the release of Brian Keenan, John McCarthy and Terry Waite," the statement ended.

the first British diplomat in more

Runcie is heartened by improvements in Anglo-Iranian ties, including the visit to Iran by

than a year. David Reddaway, a spokesman said. London and Tehran down-

graded relations last summer when a British diplomat was beaten in Iran after the arrest in Manchester, northwest England. of an Iranian official on shopliftany government which has influ-

ensure security for the deputies who will elect a new

ing charges. On Sunday, the Observer newspaper quoted Iranian sources as saying the hostages could be freed within weeks. But a British Foreign Office spokesman could not confirm the re-

Keenan, a teacher with British and Irish nationality, disappeared in Lebanon April 11, 1986, TV newsman John McCarthy disappeared April 17, 1986.

Waite was on a mission for the archbishop, seeking the release of

American hostages, when he disappeared Jan. 20, 1987, in Beirut.

The longest-held of the 18 foreigners missing in Beirut is an American, Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent of the Associated Press. He was kidnapped March 16, 1985.

On Wednesday, Iran's charge d'affaires in London. Mohammad Basti, said Iran was "sincerely exploring the possibilities" of tracing hostages in Iran.

"Things seem to be getting more positive all the time. We feel advances are being made." said Terry Waite's brother David Waite. "The family is very optimistic that there will be good news soon but we are cautiously optimistic about how soon that

#### Foreign powers always influenced Lebanon elections While threatening disaster for the response by international re-He signed a withdrawal trea-BEIRUT (R) - Foreign powpresided over a period of calm. main foreign power broker in Sudan, the flood will prove lief agencies and there are reports of Khartoum and large tracts of tv with Israel but was forced to Lebanon when other Arab But he was forced to resign

ers have interfered repeatedly in Lebanon in its brief history as an independent nation and almost none of the country's eight presidents has been elected without heavy outside influence.

The views of outsiders, Syria and the United States in particular, will again weigh heavily on the minds of members of parliament when they meet Thursday to pick the ninth head of state, who under the constitution must be a Christian.

Lebanon gained independence in 1943 from France, which had ruled under a League of Nations mandate. Britain and France, vying for a say in the affairs of the new nation, contested the choice of

the first president. British-backed Bishara Khoury, who defeated France's candidate, Emile Edde, became the only president to serve more than one term after his six-year term was extended

ambassador in London. According to political con-

lar rival, Hamid Franjieh, to The United States made its

Washington's help to end a six-month war between his followers and Egyptian-backed rivals who opposed his rule and aspirations for a second term. Washington disparched its Sixth Fleet to restore order

and, noting Chamoun's unpopularity with Muslims, discouraged him from seeking a

and Egypt's President Nasser. Chehab, the third president, prosperity and increasing Egyp-

No one foreign power

He was succeeded in 1970 by

Many Lebanese associate him with the outbreak of civil war in 1975, but politicians noted that he was a close friend of Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and would have Damas-

In 1976. Franjieh called in an Arab Deterrent Force to quell civil strife. Syria was left as the countries withdrew their troops from the force a few months

force behind the election of the sixth president. Elias Sarkis. later in 1976. Artillery battles between militias could be heard during the voting.

Gemayel.

Bahsir, hardline leader of the

his army from west Beirut in February 1984. The multinational force pulled out after becoming the target of a series of suicide

abrogate it after militias drove

again became dominant. It now country.

pact to end the civil war, but Gemayel refused to endorse it because it increased the power of Muslims in government and recognised Syria's role.

Muslim boycott has paralysed the government and isolated Gemayel.

#### cil (PNC) members who are Gaza boils with protests

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161 Develop ... The army uprooted orchards in which Palestinians were hiding i the come after they hurled a fire bomb at an Israeli vehicle near the Al Bureij refugee camp Sunday, 'Israel Radio said. Seven people were injured in the attack.

In the occupied West Bank, Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian early Monday, bringing the Arab death toll in more than eight months of anti-Israeli violence to 255. Soldiers shot and wounded a second man in the leg. hospital officials said.

Residents of the Qalandia refugee camp said that Ata Yussuf Ayat, aged 20, was beaten to death by the army while being held in fail during the night. They said troops came with the body early Monday and made the fami-

Residents later dug up the body to show reporters and to Rabin paid a visit to the Gaza Strip and warned residents that

Israeli troops would meet vio-Visiting the territory where protesters defied the curfew, Rabin said Gazans would suffer

the most in a contest of force against the army. "Violence will be met by force, and it is better for the population in Gaza to realise

that..." he said. Rabin said the curfew that kept 50,000 Gazans away from jobs in Israel would be in effect "as long as it is needed." It was the third time the Gaza Strip was sealed since the uprising started Dec. 8.

Despite the curfew, Palestinians darted out from behind garbage dumpsters and brickwalls to hurl rocks at a 12-car military convoy carrying reporters, chief of staff Dan Shomron and southern commander Yit-. zhak Mordechai.

The convoy was forced to stop

independent Palestinian state is several times to chase away the

protesters. But no shots were

Rabin said earlier that soldiers had been ordered to "shoot to hit" anyone caught throwing firebomb and the homes of perpetrators would be tom down without right of appeal.

A senior Palestinian official accused Israel Monday of starving Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in an attempt to stop the uprising. Bassam Abu Sharif, a chief spokesman for PLO leader Yas-

ser Arafat, said the purpose of the uprising was to achieve an independent state. Abu Sharif said the Israeli authorities had prevented the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palesti-

nian refugees from distributing

rations in an attempt to force the

Palestinians to abandon their demonstrations. "UNRWA's work, especially the distribution of rations in the West Bank and Gaza camps, has been prevented by the Israelis in order to starve our people to death and force them to abandon the intifada." he said at a press

conference. He said the move, coupled with another measure to limit remittances transferred by Palestinians to their families in the occupied territories, would make life more

difficult for the Palestinians. UNRWA officials could not be immediately reached for com-

An Israeli source who demanded anonymity said Israel had also increased restrictions on funds brought into the occupied territories, extending a \$1,200 limit on bank transfers to all

money transactions. Abu Sharif said: "As an occupation force the Israeli authority is violating international law and the international convention of human rights."

### **PLO** team

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up à Palestinian government-in-

Bassam Abu Sharif, political adviser to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, was speaking to the Iraqi News Agency (INA).

"The PNC meeting to be held in Algiers in the last week of this month will pass appropriate and effective resolutions to get rid of the Zionist occupation and announce the Palestinian government," he was quoted as saying.

A highly-placed PLO source told Reuters Sunday that the PLO Executive Committee would recommend to the 451member PNC "the formation of a government-in-exile and a declaration of independence."

PLO officials had said earlier

that the PNC would convene sometime within the next month to discuss Jordan's decision. The PLO source said the group was convinced that many states, including the Soviet Union. China and several European nations,

would recognise a Palestinian government-in-exile. Hourani told Reuters in Amman that Jordan had advised the PLO to seek an internationally acceptable political platform if it planned to declare an indepen-

dent Palestinian state. Meanwhile, Israeli officials had a mixed reaction to suggestions from senior PLO official Salah Khalaf that a "completely new" PLO charter may be drawn up. Israeli Foreign Minister Shi-

mon Peres called for clarifica-

"Whoever wants negotiations should say so clearly. What has been said until now is a jigsaw puzzie," Peres told reporters. But sources close to the Israeli foreign minister said Peres was watching political changes in the PLO, and expected the PNC meeting to be the major test of change in Palestinian policy.

amid public discontent three years later and was replaced by Camille Chamoun, Lebanon's

temporaries, Chamoun re-

ceived British support in putting pressure of his more popuwithdraw his candidacy. debut on the scene in 1958 when Chamoun asked for

second term. Instead, the United States backed army commander Fuad Chehab, acceptable to Muslims tian influence.

alone was responsible for the election of the fourth president. Charles Helou, in 1964, but politicians say Egyptian and American approval was sought when his name was first mentioned.

Suleiman Franjieh, perhaps the only head of state elected by a parliament uninfluenced by undue foreign pressures. Franjieh, now 78, has resur-

faced as a possible candidate for Thursday's election, although he has not formally announced that he will stand.

cus's blessing.

Damascus was the driving

In 1982, Israeli troops invaded Lebanon, forcing out Palestinian fighters and Syrian troops and eventually bringing about the election of the seventh president. Bashir

Leabnese Forces militia, was elected at a military school in a Beirut suburb surrounded by Israeli tanks. Three weeks later he was killed by a bomb and replaced by his brother Amin. Gemayel, whose single sixyear term expires Sept. 23. called in U.S., French, British and Italian peacekeepers to ensure

an Israeli withdrawal.

attacks and Syna's influence

has an estimated 25,000 troops stationed in two-thirds of the Damascus brokered a peace

For the past two years, a

This has led Washington to implicitly acknowledge Syriu's position and consult Damascus on the problem of finding a successor to Gemayel who would be acceptable to all fac-

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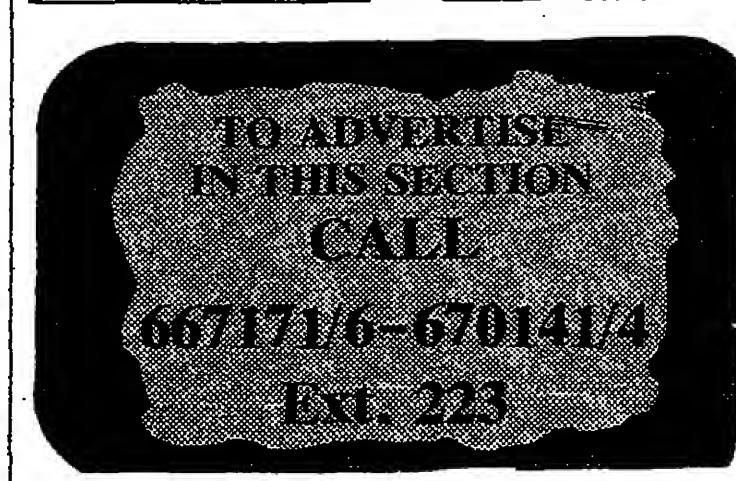
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# Jordan widens economic liberalisation

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordanian government has adopted new measures to boost exports and encourage investments in the Kingdom in addition to easing protectionist measures . favouring several local commodities. The following is a translation of a report by the Jordan News Agency, Petra on the measures.

A) — Licensing and registra-

· 1. Any investor and any ordinary or private shareholding company has the right to set up or expand any existing industrial and agricultural projects without obtaining any licensing from the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Ministry of Agriculture.

2. Public shareholding companies and owners of projects who ask for financial exemptions cited in the law for encouraging investments, should obtain the necessary licensing from the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

3. Investors should register all their investments in special files at the Ministry of Industry and Trade for purposes of follow-up and legal documentation. The ministry should complete the registration procedure within two days of the date of submitting the

registration statement. 4. The minister of trade and industry as well as the minister of agriculture are to take the necessary steps to execute the above

5. Facilitating the licensing of tourism agencies whereby a response is given within two weeks to all licensing applications for those applicants that meet the bases decided upon by the Higher Council of Tourism in paragraph H of the article 6 of the tourism law No. 30 for 1988. No applications are to be refused unless they violate the agreed-upon bases.

6. All ministries and official institutions and councils which require prior licensing or approval should submit recommendations to the Prime Ministry to ease the procedures within two

weeks of the date of this decision. These recommendations should include the bases and rules for facilitating licensing as well as the conditions of approval taking into consideration the annulment of such conditions where possible (applicable) in preparation of its presentation to the Council of Ministers.

B) — Investment unit:

1. A specialised unit at the Ministry of Industry and Trade will be established to follow up on all measures related to investments by Jordanian, Arab and foreign investors at ministries, official institutions and councils. The unit will process applications within a maximum period of one month from the date the applications are submitted.

2. The unit will establish a guide to illustrate the required procedures for investors in various kinds of investments.

3. The unit will prepare bulletins and printed materials to clarify incentives for investment; rules, regulations and procedures related to investment; in addition to the criteria based on which requests for incentives and exemptions are made.

4. The minister of industry and trade will establish a comprehensive structure for this specialised unit which will get the approval of the council of ministers one month from the date of this deci-

C) — Protectionism

1. The cancellation of all protectionist measures for industrial products in general, and their

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3. Price controls, for products which have been exempted from protectionist measures, will be cancelled except for products priced by the Council of Minis-

**Encouraging investments** 

In the area of encouraging investments, the new measures exempted all imported capital goods from customs, fees and other taxes. The law for encouraging investment was amended based on the following principles:

exemptions for economic projects in all developmental areas at five years, with a special fund to be set up to finance with easy terms projects in certain developmental — The Council of Ministers is ports through field visits.

— Defining the period of tax

empowered to cancel part or all of the tax exemption if it was proven that there were violations in production specifications for which the project was granted the exemptions. This would be done in accordance with recommendations by the minister of industry and trade.

— Approving exemptions from custom and other taxes and fees on imports for economic projects that have already been established and approved for exemption. This would be done after verification that what was imported had been used in the project. The concerned authorities will take all measures to facilitate the entry of exempted imports until actual verification is carried out and is ascertained that these imported goods become part of Jordanian products.

- Concentrating on the employment of the local labour force, added value and exports and adopting these considerations in relation to granting tax and custom exemptions.

— Defining the beginning of production for approved economic projects if it contained several production lines. - Exempting projects from differences in prices resulting

change rates. — Owners of projects enjoying exemptions are to present regular

from fluctuations in currency ex-

reports to the Ministry of Industry and Trade to make sure that the specifications for which the project was granted exemptions are still in existence. The Ministry of Industry and Trade maintains the right to investigate these re-

- For the above purpose, a committee will be established to draft the new investment encouragement law to include all the above principles. The financial, economic and planning committee will supervise the work of this committee.

- Granting tax incentives for venture capital companies to encourage the financing of viable productive projects based on the feasibility of these projects without counter mortgages.

— Shortening the period for the assessment of all requests for investment incentives to one

#### **Encouraging exports**

With regard to encouraging exports, the following measures were taken:

— The establishment of specialised companies to export Jordanian products. These companies will be given all incentives and exemptions granted to expor-

.— Increasing the number of trade centres in Arab and foreign countries and continuing the policy of setting specialised exhibi-

attaches in Arab countries and the European Common Market, the United States and Japan.

Corporation with the Industrial City Corporation.

- — Commissioning the Ministry. of Finance and the Central Bank of Jordan to prepare a draft law on guaranteeing exports for the purpose of studying the possibility of granting financial facilities for Arab and foreign importers of Jordanian goods.

- Supporting exports through reimbursing the Jordanian manufacturer the production tax or custom fees or any other extra costs he incurred and entrusting the ministries of finance, industry and trade, energy and mineral resources and the Central Bank to present recommendations in this regard.

- Simplifying temporary entry and drawback procedures. - Asking the Central Bank to

study local credit procedures to support indirect exporters and the reasons hindering the use of these in Jordanian commercial practices.

- Rediscounting commercial papers such as export letters of credit with a rate less than the established interest in the banking system in a clear manner to encourage exporters and commercial banks to finance exports especially at the stage of production and before shipping.

- Expediting the enactment of a law on the specifications and standardisation.

- Establishing a higher council - Appointing commercial for exports that includes both the private and public sectors. The minister of industry and trade is to present a detailed report on - Merging the Free Zones the functions of this council.

## Iraq abolishes state tourism body

government Monday abolished the state tourism directorate and said major hotels, restaurants and other facilities will be sold off or leased to the private sector.

A decree by the ruling Revolution Command Council (RCC) said the state-run assets to be privatised included seven major hotels in Baghdad, the war-batered southern port city of Basra and the northern city of Mosul, including two Sheratons.

The Basra Sheraton was damaged by shell and rocket fire during a major Iranian offensive against Basra in early 1987, in which some of the heaviest fight-

> The hotels will still be run by their parent chains in accordance with an agreement signed with

> But managers at the hotels said they did not yet know if the facilities will be sold to Iraq's private sector or be handed over

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The ing in the nearly 8-year-old Gulf war took place.

> Monday's announcement came as Iranian and Iraqi leaders prepared to meet in Geneva Aug. 25 for peace talks under United Nations auspices.

> The Iraqi move to sell off its tourist facilities is part of President Saddam Hussein's drive to develop his socialist-run country's private sector by selling off stateowned assets to stimulate the economy, badly battered by the war with neighbouring Iran. No statistics were immediately

> available, but tourism to Iraq. rich in archaeological sites dating back at least 6,000 years, has been badly affected by the con-

the Iraqi government, officials

to their parent companies.

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Top three companies:			<del>-</del>	
Arab Aluminium Manufacturing Intermediate Petrochemical	31450	JD	47430	79
Industries	8790	· JD	10358	: <b>.27</b>
Arab Bank Limited	120	JD	12860	· · · 6
Parallel market:	3950	JD	1659	•
Development bonds:	1149		12253	· —,
Treasury bills & bonds:				·
Other debeutures:	120	JD	1320	· —
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#### LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

1.7080/90 One Sterling One U.S. dollar

1.2205/15 1.8830/40 2.1265/75 1.5790/5800 39.45/50

Dutch guilders Swiss francs Belgian francs 6.3800/50 French francs 1394/1395 Italian lire 133.10/20 Japanese yen 6.4700/506.8800/50

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Swedish crowns Norwegian crowns. Danish crowns U.S. dollars

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#### **WORLD STOCK MARKETS**

SYDNEY — After drifting aimlessly for most of the day the share market was marginally firmer at the close as investors chased industrial blue-chips. The All Ordinaries index was up 1.2 at

1,624.7. TOKYO - Share prices managed to close the day firmer after drifting along in the year's lowest full-day volume. The Nikkei

index rose 67.78 to 27,901.29. HONG KONG — Stocks closed virtually unchanged after a dull trading day with turnover down to a 23-month low. The Hang Seng index was down 0.3 to 2,600.63.

SINGAPORE - Prices ended lower across the board for the fourth consecutive session on profit-taking and lack of buying support. The Straits Times Industrial index was down 9.32 at 1,122.78.

BOMBAY — Market closed for national holiday.

FRANKFURT — Shares closed slightly lower after lifeless trading, with dealers at a loss to find new buying or selling stimuli. The 60-share Commerzbank index, calculated at mid-session, was down 3.5 at 1.471.1.

ZURICH - Prices were slightly down in quiet and uneven trading ahead of Tuesday's release of U.S. trade figures. The All Share Swiss index fell 5.4 to 885.9.

PARIS — Market closed for Assumption Day holiday. LONDON — Prices were pushed lower by fears about inflationary pressures in the British economy. At 1442 GMT the FTSE 100

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#### SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### American sprint star attacked but not hurt

GATESHEAD, England (AP) — Florence Griffith-Joyner, America's 100-metre world record holder, was grabbed by a spectator Sunday after declining to give him an autograph before mking part in an international track meet. She was unburt and went on to win the 100 metres in 11.54 seconds in a strong headwind of minus 2.6, more than a second outside the world best mark of 10.49 she set at the U.S. Olympic trials in Indianapolis. Inst before lining up for an international select team against Britain and Hungary at the Gateshead stadium in north-east Eagland, Gaiffith-Joyuer-was approached by a middle-aged man who immped out of the crowd and asked her for autograph. "I told him to wait until after the race, but then he grabbed me. I was thrown by it, "said the American, who was wearing a British flag on the front of her vest and had the union jack motive painted on her finger pails. Officials quickly moved in to remove the man, who was allowed back into the crowd.

#### Gray skips to 800-metre victory

HENGELO, Netherlands (R) — Johnny Gray of the United States won the men's 800 metres in a season's best time of one minute 43:10 seconds at the Adriaan Paulen Memorial International Athletics event here Sunday. Gray, pulled along for the first 400 metres by compatriot Danny Everett, easily beat Brazilian star Jose Luis Barbosa who finished second in 1:43.49. "I am satisfied with my performance but I am saving my best times for Scoul... I just want to run consistently until then," said Gray, who will run in Brussels and Zurich before moving on to Seoul. Dutchman Rob Druppers, who holds the indoor world record for the distance, came sixth in one minute 45.36 seconds to gain a qualification ticket for Seoul. Sydney Maree of the United States, another of several Americans dominating this non-Grand Prix event; comfortably won the 5,000 metres in a season's best 13 minutes 15.86 seconds.

#### Martinez secures world title

BY CHARLES GOREN

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ANDERSTORP, Sweden (AP) - Spain's Jorge Martinez virtually clinched the world 125cc roadracing title Sunday after winning a see-saw battle with Italian rival Ezio Gianola in Sweden's Grand Prix Sunday. Martinez leads Gianola by 177 to 157 points with one event remaining at Bino, Czechoslovakia. The Spaniard covered the 57.9 miles (92.7 kilometre) 23-lap course in a time of 40 minutes 56.47 seconds. Gianola was clocked in 40.56.76. "I was worried that Gianola was too leave me too far behind during the first few laps, but rather soon I noticed I had the race under control and saved my breath for a deciding attack on the final lap," Martinez told a news conference after the race.

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ed the worth of your king of hearts.

With a full opening bid, however, it

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of diamonds and ace of clubs for his

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if the jack comes down on the sec-

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trump lead in hand and lead a low

diamond. West can do no better

than take the king and exit with an-

other trump. Again win in hand,

and this time lead a low club. West

must play low, otherwise he sets up

a club for a heart discard. After the

king of clubs wins, cash the queen

of diamonds and continue with a

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from dummy, then lead the queen

of clubs. West wins the ace, but he is

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you to ruff in dummy while you dis-

card a heart from hand, which limits

your heart losers to one. And a

heart lead from West sets up your

Either way, you lose only one

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king of hearts for the same result.

urick in each side suit. Poor West

has been penalized for doing no

more than making an overcall.

Assuming you pick up the jack of

partner's invitation.

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#### Carlsson pockets \$25,000

SAINT VINCENT, Italy (AP) - Top-seeded Kent Carlsson of Sweden outclassed upstart Thierry Champion of France 6-0, 6-2 to capture the \$160,000 Aosta Valley Tennis Tournament Sunday. Carlsson needed just 70 minutes to dispose of the unseeded champion on the slow red clay. Carlsson, playing his steady baseline game of heavy topspin and capitalising on numerous unforced errors by Champion, ran off the first set in 28 minutes. The Frenchman managed to lead 2-1 in the second set, but the Swede regained control and won the final five games of the match. Carlsson, who had survived a tough, three-set semifinal against Alberto Mancini of Argentina, pocketed \$25,000 for the Grand Prix victory. Champion, who had upset No. 2 Martin Jaite of Argentina and No. 4 Marcello Filippini on the way to the final, received \$12,500.

#### Climbers scale Mt. Everest

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Two climbers who scaled Mt. Everest's northeast slope said Sunday they were happy to complete the ascent of the mountain's last unclimbed ridge although they failed to reach the summit. Russell Brice, 36, of Twizen, New Zealand, and Harry Taylor, 29, of Oxford, England, complete the 4-mile (6.4-kilometre) climb of the rocky pinnacle Aug. 6. "It is the longest and hardest route on Everest," said Brice. "It took 35 years since Everest was first climbed before there has been a success on the northeast ridge." However, Taylor added, "we were both disappointed we did not reach the summit" of the 29.028-foot (8,848-metre) Everest. "But, we feel proud we have climbed the unclimbed ridge... (and) we are happy."

#### PSV Eindhoven wins international tournament

LA CORUNA, Spain (AP) — Reigning European champions PSV Eindhoven of Netherlands won the 43rd International Teresa Herrera Soccer Trophy by defeating Atletico de Madrid of Spain 3-1 Sunday night. The 90-minute game ended with a 1-1 tie. The Dutch team won in a 30-minute tie-breaker. Liverpool of England defeated Real Sociedad of San Sebastian, Spain, 4-0 (0-0) earlier to win the third and fourth places in the tournament.

#### Yugoslav sets world record

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - A Yugoslav has set a world record in long-distance swimming, the national news agency Tanjug reported Sunday. The report said Joze Tanko swam non-stop 112 kilometres (69 miles), improving his former world record of 108 kilometres.

### **Toulon leads French**

A GOAL from a free kick by Luigi Alfano gave Toulon an unexpected 1-0 victory over champions Monaco Saturday and the lead in the French first division for the first time in the club's history.

conceded just one goal in their opening six games.

free-kick.

Toulon goalkeeper Joseph-Antoine Bell explained the team's unexpected success as the result of hard work. "Here the players go to their task without fear, without worries, he said. "They are good specialist workers."

Courbis believes his team benefit from a different attitude from that at other clubs.

"At other clubs when the players line up in a defensive wall, they hope the ball won't hit them in the face — my players pray that the ball will hit them in the face," he said.

and Paris Saint-Germain, play their next match on Wednesday away to newly-promoted Caen, who have lost all six games to date. Previous league leaders Sochaux, also promoted this season, were

unfucky not to beat Bordeaux in a 1-1 home draw after two shots hit the bar. The little Eastern club, brimming with young talent, face a tough

pions Werder Bremen beat UEFA Cup holders Bayer Leverkusen 3-1 while Karlsruhe went to the top of the league with a 3-1 win over

Leverkusen trainer Rinus Michels was critical of his team afterwards.

#### 1st division for 1st time Reuter

The Mediterranean coast team, a side without stars superbly welded into a cohesive unit by a trainer Rolland Courbis, have

They showed typical application against the champions, allowing the talented Monaco midfield no time or space to create openings. Alfano marked Monaco's English star Glenn Hoddle out of the match and still had time to score the winner direct from a 37th minute

Toulon, who head the table with 14 points, two more than Sochaux

test Wednesday when they visit Paris Saint-Germain. The top weekend clash in West Germany saw defending cham-

Stuttgart Kickers.

### Arsenal defeats Bayern

LONDON (AP) - Two goals from striker Alan Smith and one from fullback Lee Dixon carned Arsenal a 3-0 victory over Bayern Munich and a check for £60,000 (\$106,200) Sunday as the English first division team won a fourclub International Exhibition Tournament at Wembley stadium.

Arsenal's victory, which followed Saturday's 4-0 tournament of north London rival Tottenham Hotspur, gave it a goal difference of 7-0 as well as a massive confidence boost with the start of the English domestic season just two weeks away.

In Sunday's other match, AC Milan downed Tottenham 2-1 with goals from Antonio Virdis and Marco van Basten, five-goal hero of Holland's European Championship title last June.

difference.

cross from Angela Colombo to coming back." give Milan a 12th-minute lead. Van Basten made it 2-0 within a minute, running through a square Tottenham defence before rounding the goalkeeper to score.

Groans of disappointment were heard in the sparse crowd of under 30,000 when it was announced that Milan's other Dutch wizard and captain, Ruud

Gullit, would not be playing. Milan coach Arrigo Sacchi promised Saturday that Europe's most expensive player would take the field Sunday. But the continent's footballer of the year, who has a slight knee injury, was not even among the substitutes.

"He had a fitness test this morning but unfortunately we found that his injured knee had not responded to treatment," Sacchi said. "Naturally we are all disappointed."

Gullit now seems likely to return to action Wednesday when Milan meets his former club, PSV Eindhoven, in another exhibi- dent.

#### Lawson takes Swedish motorcycle race

ANDERSTORP, Sweden (AP) - Eddie Lawson of the United States won the Swedish 500cc motorcycle Grand Prix Sunday ahead of his hottest rival, Australian Wayne Gardner.

twice, covered the 75.6 miles (130.9 kilometres) 30-lap track in a time of 47 minutes 57.28 seconds at an average speed of 93.971 mph (151.200 kilometre

Lawson, who easily outran overall runner-up Gardner, beat the Aussie by 13 seconds and now 215 points to 192 with three events to go. Gardner was clocked in 48.12.32 at an average speed of 93.541 mph (150.519

## Lendl lifts Player's International title

TORONTO (AP) — Defending champion Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, back in form after an injury, won his fifth Player's International Tennis Tournament title Sunday with a stormy 7-6, 6-2 victory over Kevin Curren.

Lendi, 28, needed one hour, 55 minutes to defeat the South African-born Curren in hot, bumid weather at the national tennis centre at York University.

The Greenwich, Connecticut, resident added \$161,595 to his career earnings of more than \$12 million for the victory, while the 30-year-old Curren, now an American citizen, won \$80,797. Lendl won the player's, also

known as the Canadian Open, in 1980, 1981, 1983 and last year, when he beat Sweden's Stefan Edberg in the final at Montreal. Disputes over line calls marked

the first set tie-breaker — in Like Arsenal, Milan, which which both players had three set edged Bayern 1-0 Saturday, | points — with Lendl threatening finished the tournament with four | to walk out when Curren took a points but was headed on goal 6-5 lead. Lendl, angry over a call when Curren made it 5-5, told Virdis, who scored the goal chair umpire Richard Ings to that beat Bayern, turned in a change the line judge "or I'm not

> He sat down in his chair, but returned when Ings gave him a code violation and warning. The line judge was not changed.

Lendl continued his stalling tactics and it paid off when Curren touched an easy volley into the net on set point in the tiebreaker, which he eventually lost

Curren, still upset, doublefaulted on game point to lose his service in the first game of the second set.

The top-seeded Lendl steamed through the cournament without dropping a set in victories over Americans Todd Witsken and Jav Berger, Australian John Frawley. American veteran Jimmy Connors and Curren, the No. 14 seed.

Lendl also avenged his fourthround loss to Curren in the third round of the 1986 player's and broke a two-match losing streak in Nabisco Grand Prix tournaments to the Austin, Texas, resi-

Curren, who lost the 1985 Wimbledon final to Boris Becker of West Germany, got a big break on the first day of the tournament when the third-seeded Becker withdrew with injured feet and was replaced by 'lucky loser' Dan Cassidy.

Curren, ranked No. 29, beat Cassidy 6-4, 6-4 in the third round. He had also beaten Glenn Michibata of Toronto in the second round and reached the final by beating American Tim Lawson, who has won here | Mayotte in the quarterfinals and | unseeded Australian Mark Woodforde in the semifinals.

> Lendl is coming off a leg injury suffered in reaching the quarterfinals of Wimbledon more than a month ago.

He entered the Player's International on a wild card because be wanted match experience to leads the reigning champion by prepare for the Aug. 29-Sept. 11 U.S. Open, a tournament he has won the last three years.

He was beaten in the second round of a tournament two weeks ago in Stratton Mountain, Ver-

ranking he has held since Sept.

mont, by Roger Smith of the Bahamas, the world's 150th-ranked player. The victory Sunday secured Lendi's grasp on the No. I world

Edberg, the Wimbledon char

pion, had moved close to Len after the Czechoslovak's defeat Stratton Mountain, but Edbe dropped back after losing Woodforde in the second rou l'uesday.

Lendi has been No. 1 for 1 weeks, seven weeks short of Co nors' record.

#### Evert outclasses Sabatini, collects \$60,000 1st prize

LOS ANGELES (R) - Top-seeded Chris Evert wore down battle-weary Gabriela Sabatini in three sets in the final of th \$300,000 Los Angeles women's tennis tournament Sunday. Evert, playing in her first tournament since her recent marriage beat the Argentine teenager 2-6, 6-1, 6-1 to win a \$60,000 first priz for her 156th career victory.

Evert took advantage of Sabatini's fatigue following her two hot 40 minute semifinal victory Saturday night against American Zir The 33-year-old Evert, who had not lost a set in four tournamen

matches this week, said Sabatini was her toughest opponent because it takes time to adjust to her style of play. "There is no other Gabriela Sabatini on the tour. There's no on for you to play to prepare for all the topspin. I think once I got m

confidence going I was fine." said Evert. Sabatini 18, who had beaten Evert the last time they played i March, said she was tired and stiff from her marathon match again

Garrison. "I got a little tired and had pains in my legs from last night. I trie to come back in the third set, but I was too tired. Maybe if I was in little better shape, I could have won the match," said Sabatini, wh earned \$24,000.

The match's end was delayed when an object containing yello paint was thrown onto Sabatini's side of the court with Evert holding match point in the seventh game of the third set.

Following a 15-minute delay to clean the court and to allow th players to warm-up. Evert won it on her third match point whe Sabatini netted a backhand.

Evert dropped the first four games of the match as Sabatini use her topspin to outrally the veteran. But Evert managed to come bac to 2-5 and held off four set points before losing the first set. From then on it was all Evert, as the American bore down with he consistent groundstrokes.

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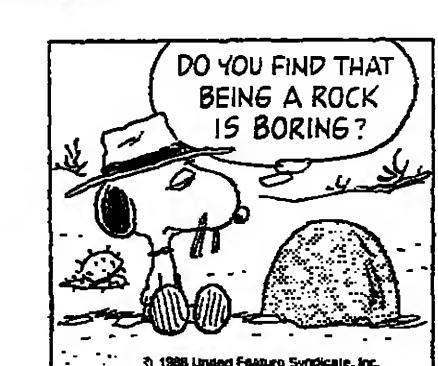
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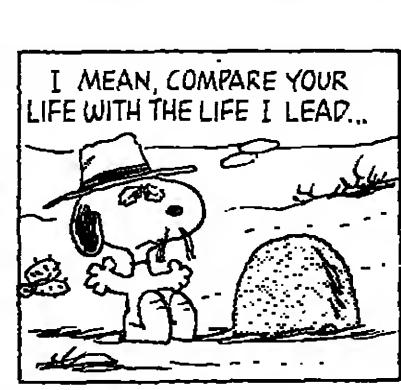
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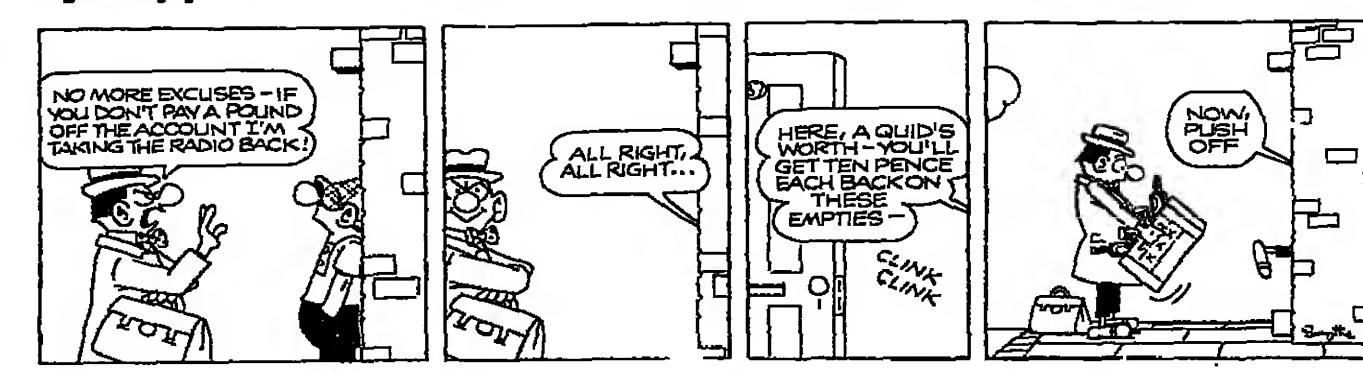
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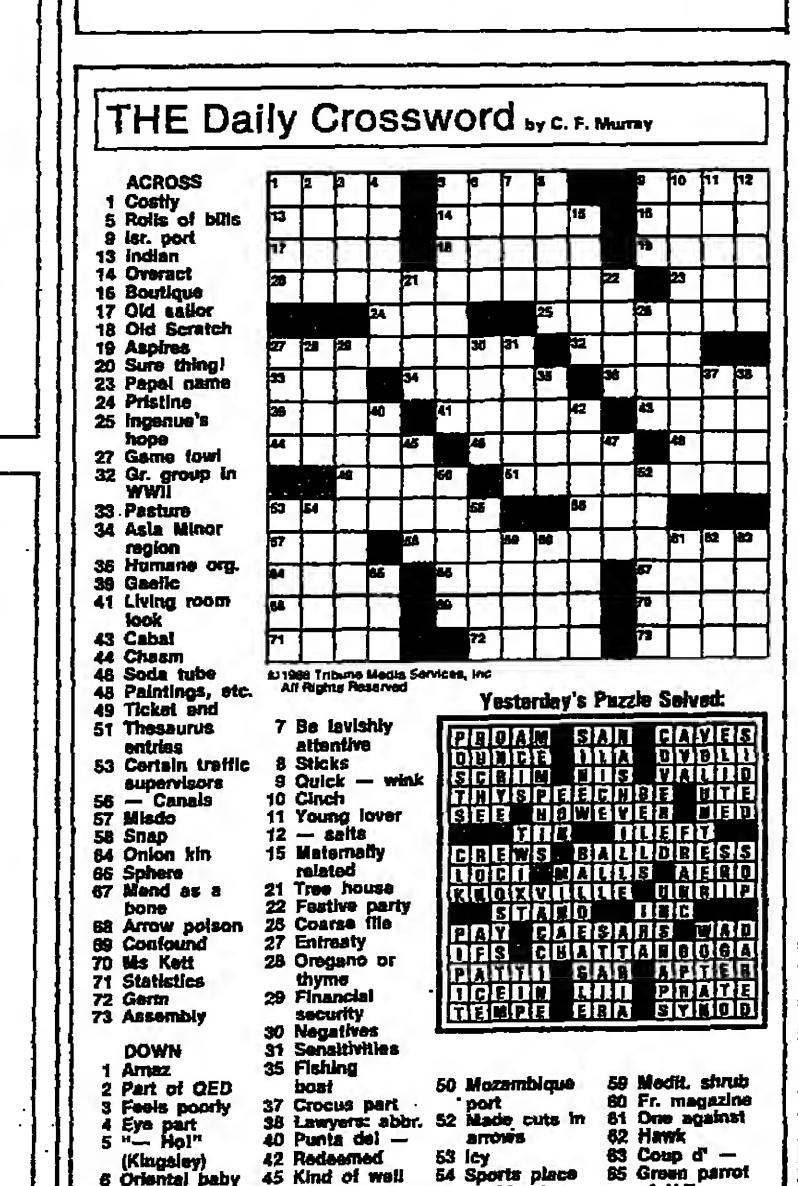
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### HOROSCOPE NOT RECEIVED



Ferrari dies

MODENA, Italy (AP) - Enzo Ferrari, Italy's greatest sports car

builder and racing pioneer, died

at his home in Modena, his auto

company announced Friday. He

was 90. In a statement released to

the Italian news agency ANSA,

the company said. "Enzo Ferrari

serenely ended his earthly life Sunday, Aug. 14." Ferrari had

been suffering from a kidney ail-

ment. The company statement

said Ferrari's son Piero, mother

Lina and wife Floriana were at his

side when he died. No other

details were given. The founder

and chairman of the company

bearing his name that makes lux-

ury sports cars and renowned

Formula One racers once

dreamed of becoming an opera

star or a sports writer.

Pacific biggest

cultural festival

Roh proposes summit with North

# Mass arrests, sweeping violence rock S. Korea

SEOUL (Agencies) — South Korean police Monday arrested about 1,200 demonstrators seeking talks on reunification with fellow students from the North, hours after President Roh Tae-Woo proposed a summit with northern leader Kim Il-Sung.

Roh, speaking on the 43rd anniversary of the Korean peninsula's liberation from Japanese occupation, said it was "imperative for top leaders of South and

North to meet for a dialogue." Roh's government, while cautiously pursuing contacts with the communist North, ordered police to block the students' planned meeting at the border village of Panmuniom. It said inter-Korean negotiations must go through official channels.

tion, the students had also planned to discuss North Korea's demand to stage some events of next month's Seoul Olympic

About 4,000 students who tried to leave Yonsei university in Seoul to march to the meeting. including delegates draped in the national flag, were immediately blocked by several thousand riot police ringing the campus. wit-

Police dragged away about 200 students, some of them screaming Apart from national reunifica- with fear and pain. The students "let's reunify the peninsula."

huddled in groups as troopers beat them with fists and riot

Senior police officers hit and slapped their own men to try to stop the beatings. One commander hit troopers with a riding

"Protesters were kicked and punched, beaten with sticks and charged with rocks and tear gas by police ringing the campus," said one.

Police flanked by three armoured vans churning out skinburning pepper gas rushed into the crowd at Yonsei University as protesters tried to break through cordons.

The students carried banners written in their blood saying

Witnesses said club-wielding police brutally arrested 500 of the marchers, all of them unarmed, in a lightning strike outside the gates as three vans spewed out

Among the students were 100 blue-shirted volunteers calling themselves the "Vanguard of Reunification" who sang antigovernment songs and shouted slogans as they were shoved into waiting buses.

A delegation of North Korean students waited for students from the South at Panmonjum for an extra hour beyond the scheduled arrival time but then withdrew, Pyongyang radio said.

"Anyone looking student-like was led into a waiting bus," said



The last units of Soviet troops located in the province of Kandagar wave while withdrawing to the Soviet border on Monday.

### Kabul recaptures Kunduz

KABUL (R) — Afghan government forces have recaptured the northern provincial capital of Kunduz which fell to Mujahideen rebels after Soviet troops left the area last week, President Najibullah said Monday.

"Kunduz is in the hands of the Afghan armed forces," Najibuliah told reporters at the Afghan foreign ministry. He made the announcement after reading a slip of paper passed to him during a news conference.

Moscow radio reported Monday that half of the Soviet Union's troops in Afghanistan had left the country.

EL POY, El Salvador (AP) —

More than 1,200 Salvadoran re-

fugees returnig home after up to

eight years in a Honduran re-

border Sunday because of a dis-

The refugees' convoy of 36

buses and 116 trucks carrying

their belongings was halted on

the Honduran side 450 metres

They had left the Mesa Grande

Refugee Camp 48 kilometres to

the north under an accord work-

ed out among the refugees, the

Salvadoran government and the

United Nations High Commis-

sioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

which is overseeing the repatria-

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Jose Maria Mendiluce, the

from the border late Saturday.

accompanying them.

was the deadline for the first half of the 100,000 Soviet forces in Afghanistan to withdraw. The remainder must be out by Feb.

accords signed in April, Monday

"In accordance with the Geneva accords, 50 per cent of the Soviet troops have been withdrawn from Afghanistan," Moscow radio said.

There were no immediate details on how Kunduz, which has been the centre of fierce fighting for days, had been retaken by the Afghan army.

On Sunday, the commander of Soviet forces in Afghanistan ack-Under quadripartite Geneva nowledged that the city had fallen

to the rebels but said Moscow's troops would not go back to help recapture it. Kunduz is just 60 kilometres south of the Soviet border. Western diplomatic sources

said Friday that the Afghan army still controlled Kunduz airport. They said Afghan troops had appealed for help from Soviet ground forces in the area but Soviet officials refused.

Lieutenant-General Boris Gromov, commander of Soviet forces in Afghanistan, told a news conference Sunday that his troops "were not taking part and would not take part" in combat operations in Kunduz province.

TOWNSVILLE, Australia (AP) — Dancers, singers, artists and musicians from 24 Pacific island countries and territories Monday launched the 5th festival of Pacific arts to the rhythm of drums and the sway of grass skirts. Designed to save Pacific culture from extinction and first held in 1972 in Fiji, the festival is now one of the major cultural events in Pacific life.

#### 'Rambo' visit comes under fire

LONDON (R) — A planned visit to London next weekend by U.S. actor Sylvester Stallone to promote his "Rambo III" film drew fire Monday because it coincides with the first anniversary of the massacre of 16 people in an English village. "Maybe in some way he can be told that this film is coming out at an inopportune time," said Michael McNair-Wilson, a conservative member of Parliament whose district includes Hungerford village. "My constituents still have an open wound." Armed with an AK-47 rifle and dressed in combat fatigues, Michael Ryan gunned down 16 people in the village 95 kilometres west of London last Aug. 19 before killing himself. The British press dubbed the crazed gunman "Rambo" after the Vietnam war veteran portrayed by Stallone in the series of violence-packed action films.

#### Snoozing Reagan ad cancelled

VANCOUVER, Washington (R) - A fast-food chain has cancelled an advertisement that depicted a snoozing President Reagan after it received numerous calls complaining the advert was in poor taste, a chain official said Saturday. The advert by the Burgerville U.S.A. chain, which was pulled from four newspapers in Oregon and Washington. showed Reagan with his eyes closed wearing headphones. "You can usually tell when someone skips breakfast," said a caption underneath. The advert said the chain, based in Vancouver, serves a nutritional breakfast which provides tremendous energy. Reagan's picture, obtained from the NBC television network, was taken when the president was attending a meeting in Bonn. According to George Propstra, chairman of Holland Incorporated, the chain's parent, the company checked to be sure Reagan did not have breakfast

#### 'Superman' banned in China

the day the picture was taken.

PEKING (AP) — A leading newspaper Sunday criticised officials for yanking "Superman" and at least four other films from Peking's movie theatres after they opened to packed houses. In a rare plea from the official press. the China Youth News called for measures to protect against such "lawlessness." The report said "Superman" was one of at least five movies that have been closed since 1985 by officials after the films started playing in the capital's movie theatres. It said officiais had "Superman" stopped in early 1986 because they did not want China's youth "to be inculcated with the film's impossible idealism." The story is of an aimost omnipotent flying alien who fights crime on plant Earth.

#### Schoolboy offers to sell-kidney =-----

NAIROBI (AP) -- A Kenyan schoolboy, claiming poor parents and fruitless efforts to raise school fees, has offered to sell a. kidney to anyone needing a transplant. This may enable me to get the money required to meet my educational costs so long as there will be doctors to carry out an operation successfully, F.A. Enko wrote in a letter to the daily Nation

### Ne Win invoked in effort to quell revolt by Ne Win that the people should

BANGKOK (R) — Burma's Socialist rulers, reeling from a week-long national revolt, have publicly invoked the name and ideas of veteran leader Ne Win to

try to prevent more rioting. · Diplomats contacted by telephone in Rangoon said the official newspaper Botataung (Guardian) Sunday quoted statements

-MEXICO CITY (AP) — Offi-

cials Monday begin ratifying re-

turns from bitterly contested

the Independence Monument in

be consulted to settle problems.

Ne Win, whose replacement by another hardline Socialist Sein Lwin three weeks ago sparked protests in which hundreds of

people were killed, ruled with with an iron hand after taking power in a 1962 coup until he stepped down July 23 after in-

Mexico opposition rallies on eve of vote ratification

races in the July 6 elections, · following protests by opposition groups claiming the presidential vote tabulations. balloting was rigged. About 1,500 cheering supporters of the conservative National final count be released. The na-Action Party gathered Sunday at tion's electoral college, responsi-

ble for ratifying the results, plans Mexico City for a speech by their to meet through Aug. 31. candidate, Manuel J. Clouthier. Demonstrators shouted "Maquio, Maquio," Clouthier's childhood nickname, and waved the party's blue-and-white. flags Some carried papier-mache effigies of Carlos Salinas de Gortan. the candidate of the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party

formally declare the winner. Leftist parties supporting candidate Cuauhtemoc Cardenas planned separate railies in different parts of the capital and in while the sessions last. provincial cities.

#### er since 1929, of using widespread fraud during the balloting and Rallies have been held almost daily to urge that an accurate

Both the left and right accuse

the government and the gov-

erning party, which has held pow-

Official results announced week after the election gave Salinas 50.36 per cent of the vote in the race to succeed outgoing President Miguel de la Madrid. Cardenas received 31.12 per cent and Clouthier was credited with 17.07 per cent. The electoral college will review the results and

Parties also have urged residents to protest with 15-minute blackouts at 8 p.m. every evening

### Laurel huddles with Aquino's opposition

MANILA (AP) — Opposition leaders met Monday to form a new political alliance after Vice President Salvador Laurel asked Corazon Aquino to resign the presidency and call new elections.

Laurel joined representatives of various opposition groups, including Senator Juan Ponce Enrile and Ferdinand Marcos' New Society movement, for the meeting at club Pilipino, where Aguino took her oath of office Feb. 25, 1986.

"I am ready to subordinate all interests for the unity of the opposition because we must have a strong, cohesive, unified political opposition to give the country a choice," Enrile told reporters.

Enrile, the only opposition figure in the 23-member Senate, said the opposition fully supported Laurel and that "we are ready from today onward" to organise a new anti-Aquino party.

"We are just starting the evolution to unify the political parties," he said. "Maybe then the

administration will know there is

a quiet opposition strong enough

to make a challenge.' On Saturday, Laurel accused Aquino of failing to provide strong leadership in the face of the communist rebellion and other economic and social crises. Laurel promised to resign too if Aquino did so, but said he would stay in office and join the opposi-

Asked the president's reaction to Laurel's meeting with the opposition, spokesman Teodoro Benigno quoted Aquino as saying: "I was under the impression they were together all along."

tion if she refused.

Representative Rodolfo Albano, minority leader in the House of Representatives, said the opposition was pleased that "we are not alone now in decrying the creasingly bloody demonstra- said at least 1,000 people may

One of the last proposals of the man who eliminated all opposition to his policies combining Buddhism and Socialism and effectively ruled by decree, was for a referendum to decide whether to scrap the 26-year-old one-party system and adopt a multi-party democracy.

This was rejected at an emergency congress of the ruling Burma Socialist Programme Party after which the unpopular Sein Lwin emerged as leader.

Sein Lwin was driven from office last Friday after the nationwide uprising in which diplomats er levels to resolve them."

have been killed. -

Diplomats said the referendum idea was one possible course the leaders might be pondering now as they prepare for party and parliament meetings Friday to seek a successor to Sein Lwin.

They said the present role of Ne Win, 77, was unclear, but said there had been frequent meetings at his home in Rangoon.

Botataung quoted from a 1963 speech by Ne Win in which he said problems were bound to happen but that "discussions must be held between the higher and low-

### Polish police, Solidarity clash on anniversary

WARSAW (R) — Riot police chyard, Walesa said Solidarity wielding batons broke up a march by Solidarity supporters in the Polish city of Gdansk Sunday, the eighth anniversary of strikes which spawned the now banned trade union, offical

One hundred Zomo riot police moved in on more than 200 marchers chanting pro-Solidarity slogans on a river quay in the Baltic port and fighting broke out, opposition sources said.

At least 20 young people were beaten and detained. The clashes followed a mass and then a rally by 3,000 people addressed by Lech Walesa, leader of the union which was outlawed in 1981.

State-run television news said six policemen were injured in the fighting but added "the police attitude" prevented further serious disturbances.

A newsreader said about 200 youths marched through Gdansk after an "aggressive" sermon at the mass by Father Henryk Jankowski. They disrupted a fair and stoned police.

The official news agency PAP said the marchers demolished a cafe garden and chanted "down with communists."

The opposition sources said by telephone from Gdansk that the clashes started after one of the marchers, who were joined by people attending the fair, threw a chair from a nearby cafe into a line of riot police waiting on the

The fighting lasted about 15 minutes before the crowd dispersed, added the sources, who asked not to be identified. They said some 10,000 people

had earlier packed Saint Brygida's church and nearby streetss to hear the mass celebrated by Jankowski, a close adviser to Walesa. At the rally, held in the chur- I ness.

should draw up plans for evolutionary rather than revolutionary changes in Poland.

He called a meeting at the church Aug. 28 to discuss a text outlining Solidarity's future plans which would be made available to the authorities in advance of the

Solidarity has called on workers to post lists of demands on pay and conditions Aug. 31, the eighth anniversary of agreements signed with the government which led to the formation the first free trade union in the Soviet

Salvadoran refugees left at border director, said the presence of the the community's directorate. The 15 U.S. church workers — members of the Going Home Organisation — was not contemplated he said. in the accord.

fugee camp were stranded at the Salvadoran Interior Minister pute over U.S. church people Edgar Belloso Funes told reporters at the border Sunday that his government "welcomes with open arms" the Salvadoran re-

> "But the so-called internationalists among them are using our brothers for strictly political ends. They (the foreigners) are coming here to break our laws, and I have orders from the highest level that they not be permitted entry." he said.

The refugees prepared to spend another night at the border after negotiations broke off Sunday afternoon and Belloso Funes returned to San Salvador, the capital. Talks were set to resume

Monday. church workers be allowed to

refugees will wait in the mile-long convoy until their demand is met. Louis Vitale, a Roman Catho-

lic priest from Oakland, California and spokesman for the Going Home delegation, blamed the Salvadoran government for the standoff.

The return of refugees is a highly charged issue in this small Central American country torn by nearly nine years of civil war. The armed forces consider the

three Salvadoran refugee camps in Honduras part of the rear guard of leftist guerrillas fighting the U.S.-Supported government. About 4,300 refugees returned last year. Some 15,000 Salvadoran refugees remain in the three Honduran camps.

The salvadoran government is concerned about their political The group insists the U.S. sympathies and the burden they may place on an economy devastated by war, and so it is reluctant

#### **Preparations underway** for historic nuclear test enter, said Amadeo Lopez, returning refugee and member of to collaborate with that project.

PAHUTE MESA, Nevada (AP) — U.S. and Soviet scientists, ignoring a diplomatic gaffe half a world away, are conducting rehearsals for this week's historic nuclear experiment that will mark a milestone in the atomic age.

Wednesday's test blast comes nearly four years after President Ronald Reagan first proposed such a project.

The joint verification experiment is designed to measure each country's ability to monitor the size of the other's test. Verification could lead to ratification of treaties limiting the size of nuclear tests, which were signed in the 1974 and 1976 but never

Scientists from the United States and the Soviet Union will be measuring the explosive punch of a thermonuclear device encased in a steel canister buried 625 metres beneath a picturesque mesa in the middle of arid wilder-

Soviet sicentists were allowed to look at the canister, but only after the nuclear device had been sealed inside.

The two superpowers will be testing their own monitoring systems. The United States will be using a system known as Corrtex - continuous reflectometry for radius versus time experiment which determines the yield of a nuclear explosion by measuring

the shock waves from the blast. The Soviets will be testing similar systems to see if they obtain the same data. The data for both sides will be recorded in trailers bundreds of yards from the blast site. No one will be allowed within 25 kilometres, except for helicopters monitoring the site with television cameras.

Systems to measure the size of an explosion are considered a key ratifying the 1974 threshold Test Ban Treaty and the 1976 Peaceful Nuclear Explosions

# WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

#### China child policy cuts population

PEKING (AP) — China's one-child population policy has resulted in 104 million fewer births in the past decade, the state statistical bureau said Monday. Bureau officials said reduced population growth in the 1978-87 period will save the state one trillion yuan (\$270 billion) in educational and other costs, the official Xinhua news agency reported. China now has more than one billion people, one-fifth of the world's population. In 1978, shortly before the government initiated its policy of one child for each couple, the population stood at 962 million. In 1949, when the communist government took over, the nation had 542 million people.

#### Kohl urges help for emigrants

BONN (AP) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl made a nationwide appeal Sunday for West Germans to help out the growing number of German-heritage emigrants arriving in this country from the East Bloc. Speaking on the ZDF television network, Kohl said it was "shameful" that some West Germans resent the newcomers. "I can only say, that they have my heartfelt welcome, because they are Germans like you and me," Kohl told a ZDF interviewer. "This is money well-spent," Kohl said, referring to the millions of dollars spent to resettle the emigrants each year.

#### British legislators ignorant on defence

LONDON (AP) - Most British legislators do not know who is the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's (NATO) supreme commander, and many lack basic information about Britain's defence. according to a survey. Of the 171 members of parliament polled by Gallup, 22 per cent knew the Soviet Union has ballistic missile defences, the Galosh system around Moscow, which has been updated, the pro-conservative Sunday Telegraph said. The survey said 92 per cent of legislators questioned could not

name NATO's new supreme allied commander in Europe, Gen. John Galvin, and 82 per cent were ignorant of the man appointed to succeed Lord Carrington as NATO secretary-general Manfred Woerner.

#### Pope marks end of Marian year

ROME (AP) - Pope John Paul II presided over the ancient "liturgy of the incense" Sunday night at Saint Mary major basilica in a solemn rite marking the end of the Roman Catholic Church's year dedicated to the Virgin Mary. The Marian year, as it was called, was designated by John Paul II for special devotion to Mary. It began June 7, 1987. and concludes Monday — Assumption Day — with rites at Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican:

### Philippine rebels burn U.S. flag

MANILA (AP) — Leftists burned a U.S. flag Monday in front of an American garrison in a demonstration against the presence of U.S. bases in the Philippines. About 50 members of the Youth for Democracy and Nationalism burned the flag in the street outside the headquarters of the joint U.S. military advisory group in suburban Quezon City. Protesters demanded the government close the six U.S. installations, which include Clark air base and the Subic Bay naval base. Since April, U.S. and Filipino negotiators. have been discussing terms for the last two years of a 1947 agreement under which the Americans maintain the bases.

# U.N. gets a dusting-off and polish

Javier Perez de Cuellar and the Security Council, It followed a U.N.-brokered settlement in April between

after nearly nine years. The Afghan settlement was the culmination of years of patient diplomacy. When the Soviet leadership decided to cut its losses and withdraw, the United Nations was there. A force of 50 unarmed U.N. observers is monitoring the withdrawal, which is to be com-

"As rarely before, we can see the organisation's potential for peace, its utility as a trusted good officer," Perez de Cuellar said last week. "Its peacemaking and peacekeeping can yet bring hope to those afflicted by endless violence."

The momentum is building. A major U.N. role is foreseen in Cyprus, where U.N. troops kish communities on the divided island, and in Kampuchea to end the Vietnamese intervention. U.N. troops are also ex-

pected to monitor a troop withdrawal from Namibia, occupied by South Africa in defiance of U.N. resolutions, and a transition to independence in the territory.

work in refugee aid, family planning, economic and agricultural development, childhood innoculation, teacher training and other areas was overlooked as the world focused on the organisation's inability to end conflicts. Suddenly, years of diplomacy seem to

be bearing fruit. For all the fanfare, the United Nations is desperately

The Soviet Union, the first of the superpowers to rediscover the United Nations as a tool of foreign policy, is now paying its back dues and peacekeeping arrears. Moscow now hails the organisation as a forum for

"new political thinking," The United States, by contrast, is the biggest U.N. debtor. It has been withholding about \$467 million in regular budget payments over several years and about \$70 million in

peacekeeping dues. For years, the United States denounced the organisation as an intrusion upon its sovereign right to act unilaterally and said it didn't like leftist U.N. polities. It charged the body with squandering funds on Third World causes and refused to pay until reforms were prom-

sed. Now, Washington praises U.N. accomplishments in Afghanistan and in the Gulf. But the money is not forthcoming. "Now we face a new irony,"

Perez de Cuellar said. "At the very time when the pursuit of peace quickens its pace throughout the United Nations, bankruptcy threatens to close the organisation."

If the United States and

other debtor nations do not

come up with funds soon, the

The United Nations, succes-

sor to the League of Nations,

was created in 1945 as an orga-

repelled by World War II. Its arm was to maintain peace and security and work for social One of the organisation's most enduring problems in the

search for a resolution of the ing which time six wars have

broken out.

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# anomalies in the government."

By Victoria Graham The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — After years of being scorned as ineffective, the United Nations is making a comeback as a potent instrument of international peacemaking, an old idea whose time has come again.

Blue-helmeted U.N. peacekeeping troops are peering through binoculars from the beaches of Cyprus to the mountains of Afghanistan. About 350 soon will monitor a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, and they are likely to be deployed in southern Africa and Kampuchea under emerging peace pacts. The United Nations owes its

revitalised role to the super-

powers' improved relations and

their interest in redirecting re-

sources from regional conflict

to economic developmennt. If

the organisation is on a roll, it is

because the superpowers have

decided the time has come to exploit it. Recent mediation between Iran and Iraq, leading to a

planned ceasefire Aug. 20 in their eight-year-old war, has been the major accomplishment of Secretary-General

Afghanistan and Pakistan, providing for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan

pleted by Feb. 15.

are separating Greek and Tur-

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nisation of peace-loving states last 40 years has been the

Arab-Israeli conflict. Each time the region has been threatened by war, the United Nations has sent impartial observers or peacekeeping forces. It has launched five peace-keeping operations since Israel was created in 1948, dur-

eration in the Middle East was the U.N. Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSÖ). Crcated in the 1948 war to supervise a truce, UNTSO has remained to monitor armistice agreements between Israel and